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The world is a bundle of hay;
Mankind are the asses who pull;
Each tugs it a different way,
And the greatest of all is John Bull

—BYRON.

Edited by
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Mr. Wm. G. BURRELL, 78, George Street, Buckland, Portsmouth. December 13th. No. 845,384.
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The following are the fifty numbers for our issue of January 3rd:—

06534	182244	354357	504138	814455
018439	191176	379471	625076	846649
045562	202778	416457	639489	859410
053971	229119	426150	660033	872369
076182	242378	451440	697700	917566
091550	251353	466672	713289	950562
121335	269791	483033	736696	960219
138322	299105	511415	746858	A002538
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Sept. 1st Contest (no tens predicted) 14 nines gained £17 17s. 1d.
„ 6th „ (no tens predicted) 38 nines gained £6 11s. 6d.

The above results—no tens for two successive contests—constitute a record for Continental Competitions.

Sept.	13th	Contest	2	tens	gained	£125	0s. 0d.
„	20th	„	5	„	„	50	0 0
„	27th	„	117	„	„	2	2 8
Oct.	4th	„	53	„	„	4	14 4
„	11th	„	8	„	„	31	5 0
„	18th	„	41	„	„	6	1 11
„	25th	„	2	„	„	125	0 0
Nov.	1st	„	5	„	„	50	0 0
„	8th	„	3	„	„	83	6 8
„	15th	„	2	„	„	125	0 0
„	22nd	„	15	„	„	16	13 4
„	29th	„	17	„	„	14	14 1
Dec.	6th	„	10	„	„	25	0 0
„	13th	„	8	„	„	31	5 0

H. T. TERRY,

"Football World," Geneva, Switzerland

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John Bull ENTRANCE FORM.

ONE WEEK CONTEST.

Matches to be played Saturday, Jan. 17th.

HOME.	AWAY.	DRAW.	HOME TEAM.		AWAY TEAM.
			Sheffield U.	v.	Bradford City
			Burnley	v.	Bolton W.
			Preston N. End	v.	Sheffield W.
			Newcastle U.	v.	W. Bromwich A.
			Liverpool	v.	Everton
			Aston Villa	v.	Sunderland
			Middlesbro'	v.	Blackburn R.
			Tottenham H.	v.	Oldham A.
			Bradford	v.	Leeds City
			Huddersfield T.	v.	Lincoln City
			Hull City	v.	Woolwich A.
			Leicester F.	v.	Birmingham
			Stockport C.	v.	Clapton Orient
			Wolverhampton W.	v.	Grimsby
			Bristol R.	v.	Plymouth A.
			Merthyr Town	v.	West Ham U.
			Cardiff City	v.	Reading
			Exeter City	v.	Crystal Palace
			Queen's Park R.	v.	Northampton
			Southend U.	v.	Gillingham

I enter "JOHN BULL" Football Competition in accordance with the rules announced on this page and agree to accept the Editor's published decision as final and legally binding, and enter on that understanding.

Signed .....

Address .....

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2. Having done this, write in ink (typewriting or pencilling will not do) your name and address in the space provided, cut out the Entrance Form, and address it to "John Bull," 25, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C., mark envelope in top left-hand corner, Football Contest No. 8, so as to reach us not later than Friday, January 16th.

3. The sum of £1,500 will be paid to the Competitor whose entrance form contains the correct results, as published in the *Sporting Life*, of all the matches given played to a finish on January 17th. Should it happen that no entrance form be received giving the whole of the correct results, a cash prize of £600 will be paid to the Competitor whose coupon shows one error only. In the unlikely event of neither the £1,500 nor the £600 being won, we shall in any event pay the sum of £150 to the competitor sending in the most correct forecasts, whatever the number; and £50 to the sender of the most correct forecasts on a mauve coupon taken from *Mary Bull*. If the sender of a mauve coupon should win or share the £1,500, or the £600 or £150, the *Mary Bull* prize will be awarded to the sender of the *next* most correct forecasts sent on a mauve coupon. In the event of the £1,500 or £600 prizes being won, the £150 prize will, of course, not be awarded. The £50 mauve coupon prize will be paid in any event.

4. No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any effort. No correspondence will be entered into, nor will interviews be granted.

5. Any effort on which any alteration has been made will be disqualified.

6. In the event of a tie or ties in this Competition, the £1,500, the £600 or the contingent prize of £150, as well as the special £50 mauve coupon Prize, will be equally divided.

7. Our employees are strictly debarred from entering this contest.

8. No coupon bearing a Scottish address can be accepted.

THE CLOSING DATE IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 16th.

DUPLICATE COUPON.

The following duplicate list of the matches is printed solely for the convenience of competitors desirous of keeping a record of their efforts. It must on no account be sent in, and will not be accepted as proof of forecasts made on the Entrance Form.

H	A	D	TEAMS	H	A	D	TEAMS
			Sheffield U. v. Bradford City				Hull City v. Woolwich A.
			Burnley v. Bolton W.				Leicester F. v. Birmingham
			Preston N.E. v. Sheffield W.				Stockport C. v. Clapton O.
			Newcastle U. v. W. Brom. A.				Wolverhampton v. Grimsby
			Liverpool v. Everton				Bristol R. v. Plymouth A.
			Aston Villa v. Sunderland				Merthyr T. v. West Ham U.
			Middlesbro' v. Blackburn R.				Cardiff City v. Reading
			Tottenham H. v. Oldham A.				Exeter City v. Crystal P.
			Bradford v. Leeds City				Queen's P.R. v. Northam.
			Huddersfield T. v. Lincoln C.				Southend U. v. Gillingh.

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THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL.

[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.]

A Pretty Wish from a Paisley Reader.

"May you be so happy this Christmas that you will feel devoutly thankful for not having been born somebody else." Although we suppose we ought to wish that that somebody else had been born us!

Lost Turkeys.

What becomes of the thousands of turkeys which go astray in the course of transit every Christmas? We have, ourselves, to mourn the loss of at least a dozen this year—or, rather, last. We wish Mr. Samuel would give his attention to this matter, instead of bothering about Home Rule and Licensing Reform.

No Whisky—No Education.

Lloyd George seems to have hit out in directions he surely never intended. At least so one would gather from the fact that in consequence of a decrease in Customs and Excise duties, the Barmouth County School Governors this year received only £49 as compared with £86 last year. The Chancellor is to be asked to compensate Welsh county schools for the falling off in grants due to less consumption of whisky. What about a campaign throughout the Welsh valleys, with the inspiriting cry, "Bigger drinks and better education"?

Coming?

Do you observe the preliminary rumbling of the approaching "split" between Winston and his Party? What did we tell you? Now watch "F. E."!

The Business Government League.

Which reminds us that the John Bull League, under its new title, is about to make its presence felt in the political world. One of the largest London halls is being engaged for a great Conference, to be followed by a public meeting, at which the New Policy will be formally declared. Wait—and hear!

Clough Again.

Mr. Clough, the muscular Christian M.P. for Skipton, has been at it again. After Clough had addressed his constituents the other night, a voter wished to put a question. But Clough chirped in first. "Did you vote for me?" he asked. "No," replied the honest and apparently intelligent elector. "Then I don't answer any questions from you," came the Christian and courteous retort. How long will Skipton tolerate this cranky clown?

The Petty Press.

As our readers are aware, we are about to present to little Peter Scott a magnificent replica in silver of his late father's ship, the *Terra Nova*. It is a beautiful work of art, specially designed and executed for us by Messrs. Mappin and Webb, in whose window at Queen Victoria Street it has been the object of keen public interest for some days past. But what will be thought of the conduct of certain journals which have had the meanness to publish photographs of the model, with an intimation of the presentation, not only carefully avoiding any reference to the journal to the enterprise of which, with the assistance of its readers, the presentation is due, but actually tampering with the negative of the photograph for the purpose of erasing the inscription upon the model? And these are the people who were prating the other day to Lord Burnham about the high traditions of the British Press!

Important Things.

Here is an item of news of world-wide interest, taken from one of the daily papers of December 31st:—

> The dock at Cardiff police-court yesterday was crowded by Chinamen arrested in a gambling raid. There were twenty men and one Chinese woman, and tables were shown with a quaint collection of equipment for the game of fantan. When the police entered, a box containing a considerable sum of money was on the table, and there was a scramble to secure the money. The keeper of the house was fined £100.

How these Orientals must laugh at us!

Drifting Again.

We crossed from Boulogne to Folkestone last Sunday on the *Invicta*. The boat was crowded; there must have been at least 500 passengers. There were eight lifeboats only—*and four of these were not slung out.* Perhaps the directors of the L.C. and S.E. Railway Company will explain?

ONE WEEK Only—New Football Contest. £1,500 for All-Correct Forecast. See page 27.

The Lamentations of Saint George.

There was a lot of sly leg-pulling about Mr. Lloyd George's speech at Criccieth on the hard lot of a Minister of State, and especially, apparently, of one who had the misfortune to invent an Insurance Act for the benefit of an ungrateful country—we are referring to all that rhetorical flummery about the stings of mosquitoes, the bites of serpents, and the shying of clods and brickbats. In reality, a Minister of the Crown in this country has a job he so thoroughly enjoys that he usually sticks to it until some Opposition politician or other boots him out because he wants to enjoy it himself. Mr. Lloyd George isn't at all impressive when he tries to make out that the poor Cabinet Minister gets more kicks than ha'pence. Apart from the quantity of the ha'pence, this is a free country; and he has not been slow to take advantage of it and kick back. A Cabinet Minister nought the worse is for other politicians' curses. Indeed, it would be well within the truth to say Mr. Lloyd George has been cursed into a public renown for which an Archbishop might strive in vain. As soon as people begin to express a desire to hang a man, then assuredly he knows that he has made a name for himself.

Red Ruin.

Christmas has come and gone, and no peace has touched the troubled heart of Dublin. Indeed, the industrial situation in the city appears to be more desperate to-day than at the outset of hostilities. The *impasse* has been aptly described by one of the English Trade Union delegates, who will scarcely be suspected of want of sympathy with the men: "It is plain that neither side wants a settlement," declares Mr. T. Fox. "They are both pugnacious and are going to fight it out." In other words, both masters and "leaders" are afflicted with an arrogant indifference to the commercial well-being of the nation, to say nothing of the broader dictates of humanity. We have already intimated our opinion that the time has fully come for effective intervention by the State. Meanwhile, our challenge to Jim Larkin remains open. We are still ready to place our remedy by the side of his grisly nostrums.

Absolutely the Limit.

In giving evidence before the Royal Commission for the elucidation of the law's delays in the King's Bench, Lord Haldane, the Lord Chancellor, said he thought £5,000 a year a very good salary for any public servant, and he didn't think anybody was worth more; not even a Lord Chancellor. As our illustrious friend gets £10,000 a year salary, with £5,000 a year pension on retirement or resignation, so conscientious a self-estimate of his worth *prima facie* demands a return of at least £5,000 a year to the Treasury. We have a suspicion, however, that Lord Haldane has a great respect for the view of Mr. John Burns, President of the Local Government Board, who in the days when he scarcely dreamed of climbing the giddy heights of official fame petulantly alleged that nobody was worth more than £5,000 a year. When the Labour members found him President of the Local Government Board at £2,000 a year, they feelingly reminded him of his former estimate, and demanded to know why he was taking more than £5,000 a year. "Oh," said he, "I'm no blackleg. When I'm in a trade I'm for the wages of that trade, and I'm working for the trade union rate now."

Harry Gangs Awa'.

When Mr. Harry Lauder, the renowned philanthropist, left Liverpool for the American goldfields the other day, an observant reporter noticed that he gave a tip to a policeman. There is now some hope for the man at the other side who cuts his hair.

A Lesson for Labour.

Whatever may be said of the merits of recent industrial disputes, one thing is certain—militant labourists have hitherto failed to make anything like an effective appeal to the sympathy of the general public. Even in the case of the Dublin lock-out, where the men, though clumsily led, had an apparently strong case, there was no noticeable manifestation of sympathy on this side of the water. At Leeds, where the municipal employees threw down the gage of revolt, all classes of the community, including many artisans, cheerfully engaged in "blackleg" labour in order to minimise the general inconvenience. These phenomena can scarcely have escaped the attention of those upon whose counsel organised labour is wont to rely, and they may perhaps do well to recast their policy with a closer regard to public sentiment. The average Englishman, be he peer or peasant, is utterly devoid of that hectic "class consciousness" which is the driving force of Continental socialism. Herein lies the cardinal difficulty of Labour with a big L.

A Terrible Reckoning.

What is the shortest way with a Government Department blind and deaf to the joint appeals of reason and humanity? To the bitter tale of the mines we have reverted elsewhere, and now the perennial celluloid peril is once more thrown into lurid relief. Presiding at an inquest on a child burned to death through the accidental ignition of a celluloid comb, the Camberwell Coroner declared that the public were lamentably ignorant of the danger involved in the use of this deadly commodity. Only a week earlier, he had inquired into the death of a man who, wearing a celluloid collar, had leaned over a lighted candle, when his neckwear had burst into flame, inflicting fatal burns. The jury added a sensible rider to their verdict, urging the Home Office to introduce legislation whereby the public might at least be forewarned of the danger thus tragically emphasised. And yet for all practical purposes they might as well have saved their breath. Nemesis is slow-footed in its march to Whitehall; but the day of reckoning will come.

Penal Horrors.

Does public opinion demand the retention of capital punishment for murder? This question, somewhat snowed under of late, will doubtless sustain renewed agitation as an outcome of the Home Secretary's recent refusal to reprieve the lad Kelly, whose grim fate has, for some reason or other, aroused intense feeling in his native town of Oldham. Neither should those who advocate the abolition of the extreme penalty be slow to quote the late hangman Berry, who declared that he was never able to face his hateful task after learning that a former victim of his rope had subsequently been proved innocent. Such tragic incidents, while they perhaps prove little, make us think.

De Mortuis.

With reference to the paragraph which we recently published respecting certain documents issued at Christmas, 1912, by Mr. George Webb, the Town Clerk of Stoke Newington, we now learn that that gentleman died some few months ago, and in these circumstances desire to express our regret if anything we said should have wounded the feelings of his relatives and friends—one of whom assures us that "he was one of Nature's gentlemen, of the old class which are almost a memory of the past," and that it was not from choice that he sent out the notices in question.

5,373 "Bullets" Prizes this week value nearly £2,500.

The Priest and the Doctor.

Come to think of all the long years the professional religionists have been preaching to us the way of life, and in particular 1 Cor. c. xiii., it is very curious that whenever there is a narrow, bigoted, or an un-Christian view to be taken about anything in the heavens above or the earth beneath, or the waters under the earth, some parson or other is sure to hold on to it with as firm and zealous a grip as if it were a collection plate. When Dr. Jobson applied for his appointment of Assistant Medical Officer to the St. George's-in-the-East Board of Guardians in 1909, he stated he was a single man; meaning in his own mind that he was prepared to live as a single man and did not wish the Guardians to provide married quarters for him. He was married, it is true, but he had suffered a long illness which had absorbed all his means; he could not maintain his wife, and she agreed that he should take a "single man's" position until he could provide for her. That was four years ago. Recently somebody or other appears to have discovered that he was married, or perhaps he made a clean breast of it on an application for married quarters—on this point the reporter does not make things clear. Anyhow, Dr. Jobson's fib came before the Guardians in all its naked horror, and when it was proposed to accept his explanation, regret, and apology, up jumps the holy Father Wainwright, a member of the Board, to "take a more serious view of the matter," "move that the officer be called on to resign," and threaten that "if this were not done he would appeal to the Local Government Board." As an exhibition of charity and of general Christian feeling, this leaves such a lot to be desired that it would be interesting and even illuminating if the rev. father would indicate the book, chapter, and verse of Scripture on which he relies for its justification.

Airy Ministers.

As we have previously pointed out, the official duties of Mr. Churchill and Colonel Seely do not include excursions in aeroplanes, self-piloted or otherwise. It is true nobody is indispensable, and that Mr. Asquith could easily find a new Naval or War Minister, but he has enough trouble on hand just now, without being driven to re-construct his Ministry and go into mourning at the same time. Not being in responsible office, the leaders of the Opposition may, of course, claim greater liberty, and if Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. F. E. Smith, and Sir Edward Carson wish to skylark through the empyrean, that is their affair, but this is to give notice that if henceforth Mr. Churchill and Colonel Seely do not mend their ways, we shall report their reprehensible conduct to their respective insurance companies.

Plucky Purveyors.

Much interest attaches to a dispute which for some time past has agitated the borough of Eastbourne. The local Council has seen fit to prohibit hawkers from plying their trade in the larger thoroughfares of the town between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. This Order is keenly resented by the traders concerned, who have caused the matter to be argued before the local Justices. After hearing both sides, the Bench has decided that the civic ukase is *ultra vires*, and of no effect. It does not, however, appear that the triumphant hawkers are at once to enter into the fruits of their victory, the Town Council having expressed its intention of taking the matter to the High Court, by way of appeal. *Prima facie*, our sympathies are with the hawkers, and we trust that in such litigation as may ensue they may not be crushed under the weight of the municipal gold-bags.

St. Nicholas.

"We do not usually associate 'The World, the Flesh, and the Devil,' with the lives of the saints," says a reader, apropos of our excursion into the regions of hagiology, in our issue of December 20th. And he proceeds to remind us how the good Saint Nicholas gained his reputation as a giver of gifts by stealth, in an endeavour to mitigate the white slave evil. The story is told in the lessons for his feast (December 6th) in the Roman Breviary. The future Bishop, then a wealthy young man, happened to hear that a fellow-citizen in poor circumstances, being unable to provide for his three marriageable daughters, had conceived the idea of forcing them to support themselves by leading lives of immorality. Nicholas, thereupon, went by night to the man's house and threw in at the window sufficient money for the dowry of one of the daughters. He repeated this operation a second and a third time, with the result that the girls were saved from a life of shame and happily married to respectable young men. "Perhaps the children's Santa Claus," adds our correspondent, "has a message for some of the grown-ups too." God bless him!

A Nero Come to Judgment.

Mr. Andrew Leitch, who fills the office of Coroner at Armagh, Mid-Tyrone, would seem to be a very Nero in pomp and power. On Christmas Eve this worthy held an inquiry into the death of a child whose clothes had accidentally caught fire. Having perfunctorily questioned one or two witnesses, he sought to closure the proceedings, directing the jury to find a verdict of "death from burning." The jurymen, however, declined to consider their verdict till they had heard the evidence of the doctor who had certified the child's death, and they demanded that the medico should be placed in the box. For some occult reason, the Coroner stubbornly refused to accede to this request, declaring that there was already sufficient evidence to enable the jurors to arrive at a decision. Finding them obdurate, however he actually went to the length of ordering their confinement, without food or light, in a small retiring room, till such time as they were agreed upon a verdict, and for upwards of three hours they were so interned. At the end of this time the potent magnate completed his foolery by ordering the doctor to be called, thus conceding the very point for which the jury all along contested. Oh, dear, dear—and again, oh dear!

The Way Out.

The disagreement of juries has been somewhat prevalent of late, and several important cases have consequently been committed for retrial. We are disposed to regard this circumstance as a wholesome rather than a decadent symptom and we are by no means enamoured of the suggestion, favoured in some quarters, that the majority vote of a jury should serve to determine an issue. The failure to arrive at a unanimous decision implies a palpable element of doubt, to the benefit of which the defendant is clearly entitled. We are not prepared to suggest that acquittal should necessarily follow disagreement; the importation of the Scottish verdict of "Not proven," would, however, supply a missing item in our less elastic jurisprudence.

The Insurance Act Again.

In the course of a long letter to us on the lies of emigration agents and emigration officials, a disconsolate parent mentions that his only son recently emigrated to Toronto on account of the Insurance Act. What next? Anybody thinking of emigrating to Canada because of Old Age Pensions or the Shops Act

£1,000 once again for the Best "Bullet." See Our New Year "Bullets" Prize Offer. Page 32.

An Unruly Member.

We observe that Bailie "Hughie" Ferguson, with whom we once enjoyed a litigious bout and whose nefarious connection with a grave licensing scandal recently incurred our editorial rebuke, has got himself into serious trouble again in his native Motherwell. An Edinburgh jury has awarded £280 damages to Mr. James Burns, Town Clerk of Motherwell, who not long since was unscrupulously slandered by Ferguson in connection with a licensing matter. We notice that, in extenuation of his offence, the defendant pleaded lack of education, while his counsel attributed his downfall to "a fatal gift of eloquence." Whatever the merit of these pleas, we trust "Hughie" will henceforth contrive to keep a civil tongue in his head. Moreover, we advise him to remember, for his own good, that in all matters appertaining to licensing, mum's the word—for him. We *could* a tale unfold.

An Unholy Pest.

The Mormons, whose pestilent activities have prompted us to repeated protest, have selected the city of Leeds as the field for their most recent operations. We learn that their "propaganda" has excited considerable opposition among the citizens, by whom the "elders" of the sect are properly regarded with the uttermost suspicion. We have again and again exposed the insidious back-door methods whereby it is sought to "spread the light," and to make "converts" of silly women who, in too many instances, have been induced to embrace a course which can only end in pitiable shame. The matter is clearly one for the authorities, who should be empowered to deport the "missionaries" as undesirable aliens. Freedom in matters of religion is a priceless civil right, but it must not be permitted to degenerate into dangerous and offensive licence.

Making Bad Worse.

The explanation given to a Godalming paper by Alderman Bridges, J.P., the ex-Mayor, of his sentence of fourteen days on an old man of 70 for "wandering in the open air without visible means of subsistence," thus depriving him of his Old-Age Pension for two years, really makes bad a lot worse. Nothing we have said about the Alderman in regard to this iniquitous sentence is half as severe as his own statement. The prisoner, it seems, "needed care, attention—and soap." "What I felt towards the man was that, wandering about and sleeping out as he did, he is in danger of dying from exposure." Think of sending this old man of 70 to gaol for 14 days for fear he would die of exposure and to encourage him in soap, and then turning him out of gaol again, *sans* his pension, for two years! What does the Alderman expect he will die of now? Indigestion due to luxurious living?

Life and Lucre.

Apart from the burning of the *Volturno*, the year just closed was marked by no maritime disaster of *Titanic* dimensions, but closer investigation reveals the fact that never before in the history of Lloyd's have underwriters been faced with so appalling an aggregate of minor shipping mishaps. Selecting a few of the more serious, we find that they represent a monetary loss of nearly two million sterling. The concomitant tale of wasted life finds no record in the City; neither, we venture to infer, has it attained more than cursory notice at the offices of the "Board" of Trade. Worldly wisdom suggests that a passing "tightness" at Lloyd's may prove a more potent instrument for the stirring of official apathy than a dozen disasters of dire human tragedy. Alas! that gold should be so dear, and human life so cheap!

Lord Rothschild's Pheasants.

A reader who sends his name and address says he would like us to know what he has heard from a reliable source. We do not know the source, and therefore we publish his statement for what it is worth, without vouching for it or suggesting that it is true. This Christmas, as usual, Lord Rothschild sent a brace of pheasants for every 'bus driver and conductor in London. "It appears on distribution there were forty men without birds. Those who had got their birds were sympathising with those who had not, and were making a whip round of one shilling. On hearing this the disappointed men objected, and wrote to the Secretary of their Union, who at once communicated with his Lordship—who replied that every man in the service had been thought of, 'phoned to headquarters, and found out that some of the officials had been sending them off to their friends."

Ruthless Rigour.

What have the officers of the Metropolitan Hospital to say for themselves? At a recent inquest at Hackney it was stated that a mother had withdrawn a dying child from the institution, at the same time signing an acknowledgment of full responsibility for her action. This was one side of the affair. On the other, it was alleged that, having been informed that her child was dying, the poor woman was not permitted to approach its bedside but, after waiting about for over three hours, was merely allowed to peep into the ward through glass doors. In vain she pleaded for one whisper of farewell, and then, distracted with grief, demanded possession of her child. "If he must die," she said, "let him die by my side." It is probable that no amount of medical skill could then have saved the little one's life, but even had it been otherwise, few would be ready to fix the blame on the shoulders of the unhappy mother.

"Let Nothing You Dismay."

Here is a Christmas story from Seven Kings, Essex. One of the inhabitants sent to a butcher in the locality for "a pound of nice sausages." On arrival they expressed a strong and most impatient desire to walk out of the package, whereupon the good housewife returned them to the place whence they came, there to be hanged by the neck until they were dead. In a little while, back came the animals with this cheerful message, "It's not the sausages that are bad; it's only the skins." The reader who tells us this does not seem to recognise that the story is without a climax. Shouldn't it be—we merely put it as a tentative suggestion—that she put the sausages in the larder intending to investigate their condition at breakfast-time the following morning, but that on going downstairs she found some coiled up on the hearthrug drinking the milk, while others sat on the garden wall catching sparrows?

Sma' Again.

A few weeks ago a sapient Scot wrote to us, apropos of our Post-card to Mr. Robert Small, the Pooh-Bah of Lochgelly, suggesting that somebody had been pulling our leg and that there was no such a person. Now we learn from the *Dundee Courier* that "at the monthly meeting of Auchterderran School Board—Mr. N. A. Wilkie presiding—the School Board election was fixed for Thursday, 8th April. Mr. Robert Small, Town Clerk, Lochgelly, was appointed Returning Officer." Thus the existence of Bob Sma' is placed beyond dispute, and our assertion that he is no sma' Bob receives additional corroboration from the fact that he is able to add another remunerative little job to his list. We presently expect to find Bob bobbing up again as Chief Inspector of Milestones and Superintendent of Street Lamps.

Great ONE WEEK Football Skill Contest this time. All about it on page 27.

A Tragic Tale.

Once more we take up the sickening tale. Eighteen colliers have been injured in a "winding" accident at Nixon's Navigation Colliery, Mountain Ash. Without warning, as we shall doubtless be told, the shaft rope snapped, releasing the rising cage with terrific force and sending its fellow to the bottom with a crash. And once more we repeat that there are ropes on the market that won't break, and, better still, there are up-to-date safety appliances which experiment has shown to be effectual in preventing mishaps of this character. And there is a "Labour" Party that won't worry, and a Home Office that won't learn.

Jobbery?

Will Mr. Samuel please inform us how it comes about that two school teachers on vacation have been employed as casual assistants in the Post Office at Godalming during the Christmas holidays? We are quite aware that the remuneration is at the rate of only 5½d. per hour, but surely there are plenty of unemployed in the district who should have had preference to teachers on full pay.

Business in the Post Office.

In the course of a *Daily Mail* article on "Potentates in the Post Office," the writer says that: "In one sentence lies the whole solution; the General Post Office—now a chaotic mass of grades and artificial restrictions—must be made a Business House." That's all settled. The Business Government will attend to it.

The Week's "Chestnut."

Isaacs and Cohen were going for a trip to Australia and shared a bunk between them. When they retired for the night Isaacs noticed that Cohen was putting on a lady's nightdress, trimmed with ribbons, lace, etc., and the following conversation took place:

"Good gracious, Cohen, vat on earth are you putting on that ridiculous thing for?"

COHEN: "Sh! It's all right, my boy; if anything happens they always save the *women* and children first!!"

RESULT OF OUR SIXTH GREAT FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

In this competition the best coupons received contained five errors and were sent in by the following two competitors, who each therefore received a cheque for £150:—

Mr. ARTHUR F. SILCOCK,
7, Malta Street, Birkenhead.
Mr. J. M. RICHARDSON,
24, Tremellen Street, Accrington.

Six competitors sent in coupons containing six errors, and therefore divide the £100 prize, each receiving a cheque for £16 13s. 4d.:—

Mr. C. DAVIS, 43, Lord Street, Walsall.
Mr. C. E. G. MOORMAN, Frodingham, Lincs.
Mr. WM. PULFORD, 49, Springcroft Avenue, East Finchley, London, N.
Mr. JAMES RIDDY, 11, Blanchard Street, C.-on-M., Manchester.
Mr. G. S. THORNE, 28, King Edward Street, Blaengarew, Glamorgan.
Mr. ARTHUR WILLIS, 123, Wellington Street, Kettering.

The following nine ladies sent in coupons with seven errors, and therefore share the £50 Mauve Coupon prize, each receiving a cheque for £5 11s. 2d.:—

Mrs. F. DOYLE, 26, Small Street, Stockport Road, Ardwick, Manchester.
Miss JESSIE HANNON, 250, Upper Dawlish Road, Selby Oak, Birmingham.
Miss L. M. JOHNSON, March Street, Kinton Lindsey, Lincolnshire.
Miss MARGARET BANKS, 7, Westgate Street, Ipswich.
Miss A. E. GATES, 4, Northfield Road, East Ham.
Miss SARAH SPOWAGE, 93, Tamworth Street, Hulme, Manchester.
Mrs. BARLOW, 24, Bradshawgate, Leigh.
Miss MARY BRADFORD, 110, Canterbury Street, South Shields.
Miss M. E. GODIER, 12, Gayhurst Road, Dalston, N.E.

Forty ladies sent in mauve coupons containing eight errors, and therefore divide the prize of £20. The list of these can be seen at the Office at any time, or will be forwarded on receipt of penny stamp to cover postage.

RHYMES OF THE TIMES.

START NOW.

Let's start the New Year with one steady idea
(Resolutions are foolish, you'll find),
That we'll look at all questions with eyes that are clear
And a cool and unprejudiced mind:
Our fathers' opinions were all very well—
They served, more or less, for their needs;
But OUR *generation has sounded the knell*
Of their cherished political creeds.

The Parties they favoured their use have outworn,
Their policies serve us no more;
Let's drop them—but not in a spirit of scorn,
For our fathers were sound at the core.
Though shackled with shibboleths, still they contrived
Some progress somehow to achieve,
But now it's our duty—the time has arrived—
To examine the things WE *believe.*

No more let us worship the "Party" false gods,
Hypocrisy, humbug, and cant—
A trinity raised for the scaring of clods
By priests whose sole talent is rant;
No more, like our washing, our minds we'll put on
To be ironed and stiffened and glazed:
Instead, we'll examine and question and doubt
All that ignorant ages have praised:
FOR NOTHING IS SACRED TO ME AND TO YOU
SAVE WHAT WE HAVE TESTED AND FOUND TO BE TRUE!

DU RAND CAN'T FACE THE BAND.

DANGEROUS ADVENTURESS DROPS LIBEL ACTION.

The woman calling herself Mrs. Rex Powell du Rand, whose amazing career of imposture we revealed in July last, issued a writ for libel against us. This, in ordinary circumstances, would stop further criticism, but knowing that the woman was continuing her nefarious course, and that silence on our part would mean the fleecing of tradesmen and hotel proprietors who otherwise might receive timely warning, we returned to the attack. It was, of course, open to Mrs. Powell (for that is her real name) to have applied to the Court for very summary process against us, but to have done so would have involved her in swearing an affidavit which would have placed her in a quandary. Doubtless feeling that discretion was the better part of valour, she decided to take the further castigation "lying down." And now, rather than give evidence on oath, she has dropped her action, and has, we are informed, levanted to America. There is little prospect of our getting any of our costs—she is an undischarged bankrupt—but we are sufficiently repaid in the gratitude of the members of the commercial community whom we have saved from serious loss.

THE WEEK'S "BISCUIT."

[*"Taking the Biscuit" has become a classic phrase, expressive of a satirical reward or recognition. Below we present, in all good humour, the token to such of our contemporaries and others as may have distinguished themselves by some unconventional utterance or act.*]

For pleading in his new book, "Pulpit, Platform, and Parliament," for the destruction of "the demon of Party faction," and then proceeding to suggest that Members of Parliament should be left free to vote according to their conscience, "*with the exception of a few first-class measures, the principle of which is accepted by the Party.*"

The Rev. SILVESTER HORNE, M.P.,
Takes the Biscuit.

"Bullets" starts the new year well. 1st Prize, £1,000 this week. See page 32.

KIKUYU!

A GREAT CHURCH CRISIS—MAY CHRISTIANS "COMMUNICATE" TOGETHER?—THE BISHOPS' MOVE.

Kikuyu is not the name of a new rag-time song. It connotes a great Church crisis, taking its name from a district in British East Africa, of about 130,000 square miles, with a population of a million, ninety per cent. of whom are Pagan natives. The Protectorate is, however, one of our principal missionary centres, nearly every denomination being represented—the missionaries, with a few British patrols, constituting the advance guard of Christian "civilisation." So far, however, the force has not made much progress—one of the reasons being that the unsophisticated native could not understand why all the missionaries, professing to be the preachers of the same religion, differed so much amongst themselves. In order to grapple with the situation, a conference of the various denominations was convened at Kikuyu, in June last, the president being the Bishop of Uganda. Various proposals were submitted for a working arrangement between the different sects, and apparently the missionaries agreed to join forces, in order more effectively to cope with the "heathen." But then the trouble began. Immediately after the conference, the whole of the missionaries—Anglicans, Presbyterians, Baptists, Congregationalists, and Methodists—united in a Holy Communion service, the Bishop of Mombassa officiating, "assisted" by the Bishop of Uganda. After this demonstration of brotherly love and Christian unity, it was undoubtedly felt that a great impression had been made upon the dull minds of the natives, and, what was, perhaps, more to the point, that a stimulus had been given to the declining funds of the mission. Looking at the matter from a purely professional point of view, it was an astute move; but alas! there were rocks ahead!

THE BOGY BISHOP.

No sooner had the new clerical Trade Union got to work than up bobs a Bishop who had been left out of the party—his Grace of Zanzibar. In a letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury he charged his two episcopal colleagues with the dread crime of "Heresy"; and now, six months after the event, a red-hot controversy is raging throughout Christendom. We are told that the crisis is the "most important which has arisen since the Reformation," and that the Church is in danger of being shaken to its very foundations. What would the Primate do? That was the great question agitating the breast of every good churchman. It is not too much to say that all Christendom waited upon his decision. Would he excommunicate his heretical brethren? Would he declare that Mother Church had been grossly violated? We waited with bated breath for the verdict—"Kikuyu" haunted us in our dreams; we could think of naught else. And now the fiat has gone forth. His Lordship is "not sufficiently acquainted with the facts"; he has requested the Bishop of Zanzibar to visit these shores and explain matters fully; and pending his arrival nothing can be done! Isn't the whole thing a farce? Does not an incident such as we have narrated lend force to our prophecy that the year 1914 will see the Man in the Street turning his back upon the Church, as he is doing upon Party?

Just reflect. The Bishops are taking violent sides—going for each other hammer and tongs; episcopal hair, teeth, gaiters, and aprons are flying about all over the place. Serious journals are telling us that there is danger that the Church will be "rent in twain." And all an account of the soul of the Pagan native!

And that native? What is *he* doing in the meantime? Clinging to the religion congenial to his constitution—and with which he is perfectly satisfied, being certain that it affords the safest route to the particular heaven in which he hopes to spend eternity. He has, at present, no fear of death—he is going to a land of bliss; and, unlike the average Christian, is always ready to start on the journey. He is not like the famous Bishop who, being sick nigh unto death, was told by his doctor that it was either Heaven or Algiers—and at once decided upon the latter destination!

THE NEW RELIGION.

As we stated in our New Year's Thoughts, signs are not wanting that the masses have lost patience with the everlasting bickering of the sects and denominations—whilst the constant revelations of the frailty of the preachers have also left a deep impression. The Man in the Street is beginning to understand that religion, like charity, should begin at home; and that, whilst thousands of our fellow countrymen and women are living lives of misery and degradation, which could be vastly relieved by a united and determined effort on the part of the Churches, it is a sin to devote hundreds of thousands of pounds yearly to the unprofitable task of "converting" a handful of "heathens" to a faith which, judging from the present aspect of European civilisation, has signally failed in its task of regenerating humanity—and, in the words of the Bishop of London, has had no better result than that we have all "made a mess of it." Consequently, he remains quite cold whilst the Bishop of Zanzibar (Dr. Weston) tells him that "by recognising a reality in the orders and ministry of non-episcopalian churches, and by welcoming non-episcopalians to communicate at an Anglican Eucharist, they had at least condoned heresy, if they had not actually acted heretically"; and, in the same way, he turns a deaf ear to the Rev. Lord William Cecil, Mr. Athelstan Riley, Canon Knox Little, the Bishop of Oxford, and a score of lesser Church luminaries, when they declare that "the cohesion of the Church of England was never more seriously threatened than it is now."

"HOW THESE CHRISTIANS LOVE ONE ANOTHER!"

He reflects how instructive and elevating such a controversy as this must be to those native "converts" who have access to, and ability to read and understand, the newspapers! He despairs of the regeneration of mankind through the instrumentality of dogmatic religion, and leans to our opinion that science and commonsense, and the spirit of brotherhood—combined with reverent appreciation of the mysteries of the universe—will prove in the end to be the only sound staff for humanity to rest upon. And he is rapidly coming to the conclusion that when the Churches, all of which take as their source the Gospel of Love, fall out and wrangle, it is time for the wise man to look to the saving of his soul, in his own way.

"After all," he is saying to himself, "there is something in what Colonel Ingersoll said when he declared that 'No man has gone beyond the horizon of the natural; as to the supernatural, one man knows quite as much, and just as little, as another. Upon this subject chimpanzees and cardinals, apes and popes, stand upon a footing of perfect equality; the smallest microbe, that can be seen only by the aid of the most powerful microscope, has as much absolute knowledge of such things as the greatest genius the human race has ever produced."

SWIFT DESTRUCTION.

A GRIM TRAGEDY OF THE ROAD.

A Stamford jury recently inquired into the circumstances of an accident on the Great North Road, in which a motor cyclist had come into collision with a powerful car, sustaining injuries of a fatal character. It was clear that the two vehicles must have crashed together with terrific force, and there were other features of the tragic affair which demanded the fullest investigation. The deceased was well known in the vicinity of Stamford, where his sad fate has excited deep concern, and we may, therefore, be permitted to recall quite briefly the main points in the evidence submitted to the coroner's jury, prefacing each statement with the name of the witness concerned. It will be seen that, on practically every material point, the evidence of the owner of the car is in glaring conflict with that of nearly all the other witnesses.

WALTER MASON :—
Witness saw deceased's bicycle in two pieces. The rear part was about ten yards from the deceased, and the other part from 30 to 40 yards away. He saw in the road the wheelmarks of the bicycle. They were on deceased's proper side.

WILLIAM HUDSON :—
The car was going very fast; he estimated the speed at from 40 to 50 miles an hour. The car was on the same side of the road as the bicycle.

ROBERT SMITH :—
The driver was driving properly, but he believed the car was going at 40 or 50 miles an hour. His estimate of the speed was based solely upon his own calculation.

POLICE-CONSTABLE SKELLS :—
The wheelmarks of the cycle were about 2 feet 6 inches from the side of the road and perfectly straight. The road was 21 feet wide. Witness had said to the driver of the car, "You must admit you were on the wrong side of the road," to which the driver had replied, "Yes, I was on the wrong side of the road."

MRS. ALICE CULPIN :—
She saw the car pass her house, which is not far from the scene of the accident. It was going very fast, faster than most cars go.

FREDERICK JAMES ABBOTT :—
Witness saw the car going along in a zig-zag fashion at a terrific rate—about 40 miles an hour. This was merely his own estimate of the speed.

BRIERLEY WOODHOUSE :—
Witness had asked the driver of the car how the accident happened. The driver had replied that he was just on the point of stopping when the collision occurred. He added that he was on his wrong side of the road and swerved to allow the motor cyclist to pass. The cyclist had swerved at the same time.

Mr. RONALD MAXWELL, the driver of the car :—
He intended to stop for a certain purpose and slowed up. He was driving his car at a speed of 10 miles an hour. Having gone to the right hand side of the road he turned to the left not very quickly, as he didn't think the cyclist was coming very fast; but he misjudged his speed, the cyclist coming faster than he expected. When he was getting rather close the deceased appeared flurried. As he moved out of the way the cyclist swerved too, and hence the collision. He denied that he had driven the car at more than 20 miles an hour. He had slowed down to 15 miles an hour before seeing the deceased. He denied having at any time accepted responsibility for the accident.

Upon the foregoing evidence the jury, after prolonged consultation, found that the death of the cyclist was due to accidental causes. Beyond this they expressed no opinion, cautiously refraining from the delicate task of apportioning blame. We do not propose to criticise their verdict or to question its adequacy to the circumstances of the case. Our readers will doubtless draw their own conclusions. Meanwhile, we may say in response to several queries, that the findings of a coroner's jury, as such, have no bearing upon any claim for compensation which the dependents of the deceased may seek to establish. This circumstance may perhaps afford some slight consolation to those who, as a result of this swift tragedy, are already faced with the grim spectre of want.

A PESTILENT PRACTICE.

POLICEMEN WHO FEAR AN OATH.

We have more than once protested against the permission frequently accorded to police officers to make *ex parte* statements reflecting upon the character of an accused person, without even the primary safeguard of a judicial oath. Nowhere is the mischief of this practice more apparent than in connection with the admission of prisoners to bail. In this matter the uncorroborated and unsworn testimony of a single constable is frequently allowed to deflect the normal course of justice. A recent case at Cardiff is directly in point.

A lad of sixteen, named Ralph Thomas, was charged before the local Justices, and the police formally applied for a remand. While not objecting to this application, a solicitor, on behalf of Thomas, desired the Magistrates to admit the prisoner to bail till the following morning, when the police expected to be ready with their case. There was nothing whatever known against the accused, and, having regard to the character of his alleged offence, he was clearly entitled to bail. The Bench would undoubtedly have acceded to the application had not Inspector Price, the Court Officer, seen fit to object on two grounds. He first alleged that the police were in possession of evidence which would necessitate further charges against the prisoner, and he then went on to assert that Thomas was "wanted" by the Swansea police. Of these suggestions it is sufficient to say that they were believed by the defending solicitor to be entirely without foundation, and he vehemently protested against the manner of their introduction. He demanded that Inspector Price should be required to attest his statements upon oath, and to adduce some corroborative evidence of their truth. The Inspector, however, was unprepared to give such earnest of the reliability of his assertions—but the Bench, waiving the solicitor's legitimate objections, refused to admit the lad to bail, and he spent the night in the cells.

In the course of the next day's hearing it was necessary for the solicitor, in justice to his client, to allude to the statements which had deprived his client of his liberty. The hollowness of the Inspector's tale was then made apparent. He utterly failed to amplify the charge against the prisoner, as he had declared his intention of doing, neither did he venture to repeat the suggestion which he had confidently addressed to the Bench on the preceding day. In short, the statement which had served to rob the prisoner of bail was an unconfirmed rumour, which with the lapse of 24 hours had become to the Inspector's knowledge an exploded error.

It may be said that the results to the boy were not serious, although it is difficult to gauge the moral, or even the physical, effects of a night's confinement in prison upon a lad of sixteen, with mind a prey to anxiety and fear. But the principle at stake far transcends the importance of any individual case. At the bar of Justice a police-officer should enjoy no immunity from the ordinary requirements of the law. An *ex parte* statement, no matter from whom it proceeds, is properly suspect, and should in all cases be subject to the tests prescribed by the immemorial practice of the Courts. To the careful and veracious officer, this wholesome requirement presents no terrors. To the other sort—of whom there are a few—the dread of perjury (with gaol in perspective) may well prove the beginning of wisdom.

"SILENTLY STEALING AWAY."

NEWS OF THE BOGUS THEATRICAL AGENT.

The publicity we gave in our issue of December 27th to the mean trick played upon chorus girls by Arnold J. Middleton has brought further news of the scoundrel. He does not confine himself to swindling poor girls, and we think his description will be of service to landladies, whom he never pays if he can possibly help it. His age is about 40, dark complexion, clean shaven, about 5 feet high, deformed legs. He is a married man, living apart from his wife, but has another woman travelling with him, also a boy about six years of age. When last heard of he was living in Saxon Street, Burnley.

A No-Waiting Football Contest this time.—ONE WEEK Only. £1,500 to be Won. **See page 27.**

"JOHN BULL'S BOY."

INTERESTING PRESENTATION TO LITTLE PETER SCOTT, BY THE READERS OF "JOHN BULL."

Below we reproduce a photograph of the magnificent model of Captain Scott's famous ship, the *Terra Nova*, which has been executed for JOHN BULL and its readers by Messrs. Mappin and Webb, the celebrated silversmiths. It will be remembered that, upon receipt of the news of the tragic fate which had overtaken the great explorer, we promoted a fund, to which we were ourselves the chief subscribers, and the remainder of which was provided exclusively by our readers, for the purpose of presenting to little Peter—Captain Scott's five-year-old son—a lasting memento of his father's great adventure. We expressed at the time the hope and belief that, as years passed by and little Peter by degrees realised its full meaning, it would act as a valuable stimulus in the formation of his character and the firing of an honourable ambition to prove himself worthy of his father's name. And we are sure we shall not be disappointed.

Before putting the model in hand we obtained the gracious permission of Lady Scott to proceed with the project, but at her request the presentation will be made privately, and we are now awaiting an appointment for the purpose.

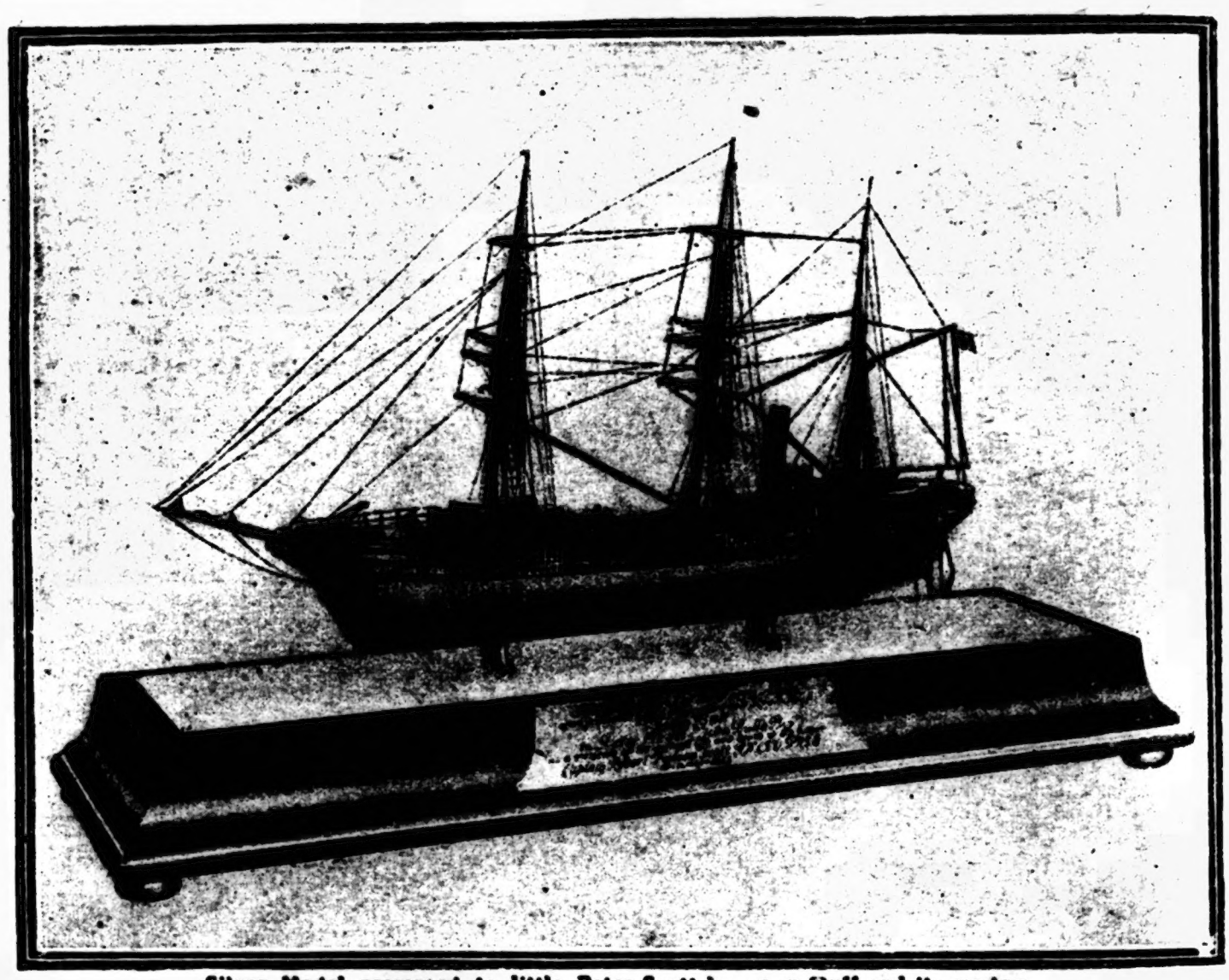
It will be seen that the model is a complete replica—in silver—of the famous vessel. It stands on a plinth 24½ inches in length by 8¼ inches in width; while the length of the vessel itself is 19 inches. The height of the model is 11½ inches, it being 3½ inches in width.

In another column we comment upon the remarkable meanness of a section of the illustrated press in reproducing photographs of the model, after carefully erasing the inscription from the base. Our readers will observe, however, that we have incorporated the phrase "John Bull's Boy"—and we feel confident that every one of them will consider himself an unofficial god-father to the little fellow.

In the hold of the ship it is proposed to enclose a full record of the fateful voyage which cost Captain Scott his life, so that in years to come his son may read with pride—perhaps to his own children—how one more Son of the Sea gave himself as sacrifice to that intrepid spirit of adventure and enterprise upon which the British Empire has been built up—and how the name of his father came to be added to that roll of heroes which is the most precious heritage of our race.

We hope to be in a position to announce next week that the presentation has been duly made.

We cannot, of course, expect little Peter at present to appreciate the full meaning and significance of the gift; but we know that Lady Scott will, in due time, make everything clear to him. And now all we have to do is to wish him luck



Silver Model presented to little Peter Scott by *John Bull* and its readers.

MILK AND WATER.

UNTEMPERED LAW DEFEATS JUSTICE.

It is only in rare instances that a milk vendor, charged with an offence under the Food and Drugs Act, is able to make good his defence. The official analysis tells its deadly tale, and though the luckless defendant may be entirely guiltless of criminal action, he must, as a rule, pay the price. Two adulteration cases recently disposed of by the Havant Bench were not without general interest. In the first, the defendant indignantly denied having in any way tampered with his milk. Confronted with the analyst's report, showing 14 per cent. of added water, he proposed to call his cowkeeper, who, he declared, would confirm his protestations of innocence. No sooner had this worthy stepped into the box, however, than he made a clean breast of the whole business, declaring that he had himself for his own purposes poured water into his master's churns. Closely interrogated, prior to the hearing, the man had denied all knowledge of the matter, from which it may be inferred that he enjoyed a shrewder appreciation of the nature of an oath than of the value of honesty or truth. In any case, his belated confession availed his employer nothing. The watered milk—the property of the defendant—had been offered for sale, albeit without his knowledge, and a fine of £5 and costs might alone expiate his "guilt." The rascally cowkeeper, apparently, went scot free.

Then followed a curious sequel. A milk vendor in a smaller way of business was arraigned on a precisely similar charge. It transpired that, being one day a little short of milk, he had borrowed a few quarts from the defendant in the previous case, stumbling by an evil chance upon the particular churn which had incurred the malevolent attention of the cowkeeper. The purchaser had relied implicitly upon the good repute of the vendor. He was, indeed, a perfectly innocent victim of the trick which had compassed the downfall of the former defendant. The Bench fined him ten shillings and costs.

Upon the first of these cases we are not disposed to dwell. There may be broad considerations of public policy which require that an employer should be held responsible for the acts of his servants in such matters. The second case, however, afforded ample ground for generous discrimination on the part of the Bench. Neither actually nor constructively could the man be held responsible for circumstances of which neither he nor any agent of his had the faintest knowledge. A general caution, coupled with a hint that he should in future protect himself with a written warranty when purchasing milk, would have satisfied all the requirements of justice. Moreover, we hold, upon a variety of considerations, that in all such cases the actual perpetrator of the mischief should smart for his pains.

THE "WARATAH" AGAIN.

A NEW EMBLEM FOR THE BOGUS BOARD.

Despite the proverbial shortness of the public memory it is curious to note the persistence with which the tragic disappearance in 1910 of the Lund Line steamship *Waratah* lingers in the public mind. To this hour we continue to receive reports alive with sensational rumours and provocative of the gravest reflections. The traditions of Lloyd's discourage the open agitation of such misgivings as underwriters may entertain, and many pertinent questions arising from the mysterious loss of this vessel thus remain unanswered. With sinister insistence comes the oft-repeated assertion that the *Waratah* was commonly spoken of in maritime circles a "a tender ship," of perilous construction and foredoomed to mishap. Nor is it without significance that prior to the disaster well-informed shareholders should have sought to "unload" their holdings, despite the security which ample underwriting might have been presumed to afford. Notwithstanding official complacence, there is a growing conviction in many a wounded heart that the loss of the *Waratah* must take its place among the tragedies which need never have been. But the "Board "of Trade showed its green light, and the vessel sped gaily to her doom. A skull with crossbones might aptly figure as the official emblem of the Board.

A RAILWAY WRIGGLE.

COMPANY CONTESTS CARPENTER'S CLAIM.

A stage carpenter employed by a theatrical touring company informs us that his tool-chest was recently dropped into the sea at Greenore from a crane belonging to the London and North Western Railway Company, by whom it had been accepted for transhipment. Thus deprived of his means of employment and attributing the mishap to the negligence of the Company's servants, our correspondent at once appealed for redress. In reply to his letter he received a cheque for £5 from the Superintendent of the Line "on account of claim for loss and damage to property"—we quote from the official receipt. This trifling sum was utterly inadequate to the replacement of the tools lost, and the carpenter at once entered a renewed application for proper compensation, assessing the damage at £20. He then received the following letter:—

> Much as I regret the loss you have sustained by your luggage being dropped into the sea at Greenore, I have to inform you that there is no liability attaching to the Railway Company in the matter, and I regret that I cannot offer you compensation. The £5 which I have already sent you was, as you will be aware, remitted out of sympathy with you in the unfortunate position in which you were placed by the accident and entirely without prejudice to the question of liability.
>
> Yours truly,
> R. TURNBULL,
> Superintendent of the Line.

How the unfortunate man was to be aware of the latter circumstance is a little difficult to discern, in view of the plain and unmistakable purport of the official receipt which he had been invited to sign. As we have seen, the £5 was expressly declared to be "on account" of the carpenter's claim—a frank admission of liability. Upon what grounds Mr. Turnbull bases his subsequent disclaimer we are unable to conjecture, and we note that he himself preserves a discreet reticence upon the point. In any case, we fancy the Company would find it difficult to establish immunity in a Court of Law, where railway corporations are not usually credited with gratuitous philanthropy. To the Company the matter is clearly not worth litigation, but should they desire to effect an arrangement with the carpenter, they must remember that in cases of accident no mere solatium can suffice, the measure of damage being the extent of the loss.

BUNKERED!

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LANDLORDS.

It is bad enough losing golf balls on the links, but to pay for them and never see them is worse. A person calling himself "Barton and Burbridge, Sporting Outfitters, 235, High Holborn," has been advertising balls at a small figure, and doubtless received quite a number of orders by post. But, alas! the goods were never despatched. One of our readers, who made a complaint, received the following letter:—

> We have to-day forwarded your order to our works, and same will be despatched with the utmost possible speed, but owing to the heavy call delivery cannot be promised before the latter part of the present week. We should esteem it a favour if on receipt you will give same a thorough trial and advise us the result.

The goods not arriving as promised, we were consulted in the matter. Upon making a call at the address given, we found the premises were the same as those to which we had reason to refer last September in connection with another matter. They are suites of offices—about a dozen in number—and while there is no doubt that many small struggling tradesmen carry on quite legitimate businesses there, a wrong 'un does occasionally obtain accommodation. On the previous occasion we dealt with a man named Panzee, who was running a drapery swindle, he subsequently receiving three months' imprisonment. We then suggested to the landlord that it would be advisable to pay more attention to the investigation of the references of his tenants, an admonition he does not seem to have heeded. "Barton and Burbridge" were on the premises only a week or two—in fact, just long enough to scrape in a few hundred postal orders.

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BIGOTRY ON THE BENCH.

HONEST PUBLICAN DEMANDS FAIR PLAY.

Mr. J. Nelson Kemp, of Ilford, has spent forty years in the licensed trade, thirty-four of them as a licensee. For twenty years he conducted hotels in the Essex town of Dunmow, where he took an active and useful interest in public affairs as Parish Councillor and Guardian of the Poor. During the whole of his long association with "the Trade," no suspicion of impropriety attached to his reputation.

Two years ago Mr. Kemp retired from business, and removed to Ilford. Desiring some sort of employment with a measure of profit, he established a small connection as a bookmaker, conducting his transactions with honesty and decorum, and with strict regard to the law. His operations were vigilantly supervised by Inspector Hamilton, who was recently somewhat severely handled in the High Court; but the most microscopic scrutiny failed to detect a fault. The business did not pay, however, and Mr. Kemp once more turned his attention to his old trade. A house at East Grinstead was vacant, and he made application for the licence. Before the day of transfer, Inspector Hamilton appeared upon the scene, demanding to know if Mr. Kemp had given up bookmaking, as in his opinion "a man who made a book was a rogue." This impudent assumption, which has since cost the worthy Inspector somewhat dear, was presumably shared by the local Licensing Bench. Despite his excellent character, Mr. Kemp's application was refused.

Stung by this harsh rebuff, Mr. Kemp set about to secure an armoury of testimonials with which to overcome the prejudice of any body of magistrates who might in future question his moral fitness to hold a licence. His many friends in Dunmow and elsewhere cordially responded to his appeal. Their letters are before us, our correspondent having submitted them for our perusal. Each communication—there are eighteen in all—speaks in the highest terms of the personal character of Mr. Kemp. Rarely have we read so remarkable a consensus of opinion as to the virtues, public and private, of an individual trader. The signatories include the Right Hon. Colonel Mark Lockwood, M.P. for the West Essex Division, the Vicar of Dunmow, the Rector of Great Easton, the ex-Chairman of the Dunmow Bench of Magistrates, a Justice of the Peace, Dr. Montagu French, the Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding the Fifth Battalion Essex Regiment, and Mr. Alfred E. Floyd, Solicitor. Every one of these gentlemen had, in one way or another, means of appraising Mr. Kemp's conduct as licensed victualler. Their testimony is of a character which would admit a man without question to a situation of the highest trust.

A short time ago, Mr. Kemp applied to the Justices at Bottisham, Cambridgeshire, for a licence in their bailiewick. The whole of the testimonials described above were submitted for their scrutiny. Against these, Inspector Hamilton was permitted to whisper his malicious "objections" in the ear of the Bench. The licence was refused. The glowing testimony of eighteen gentlemen of substance and repute was rejected in favour of the tittle-tattle of an officer whose gross prejudice has since involved him in the meshes of the law.

With the discomfiture of his enemy, it is to be hoped that Mr. Kemp will speedily see a reversal of the ill-fortune which has recently dogged his steps. His experience affords an unique commentary upon the bigotry and ineptitude of a contingent of the magistracy, together with a striking domination of a section of the police.

"BARNSLEY BENEVOLENCE."

We have received a letter from the solicitor to the present Mayor of Barnsley, in which, on behalf of his client, he takes exception to the statement in our issue of December 27th, that "about three months ago" the caretakership of a large public building was bestowed upon the son of the Mayor, his father's influence, it was suggested, going a long way in securing the post. Clearly his Worship is taking to himself a statement which must have applied to his predecessor in office, who, of course, relinquished the mayoralty in the early part of November. We, however, have pleasure in inserting this explanation.

THE "TERRIERS'" TERROR.

WHY HALDANE'S FORCE IS HATED.

Although Mr. Arthur Horatio Nelson, a Croydon school teacher, has an action for libel pending against us in respect of certain criticisms we passed concerning his punishment of a boy in his class, we sympathise with him in his present mistortunes.

Six years ago he first took the oath to serve his country in the civilian army, and since then he has performed all that was required of him by the authorities until this year, when, as a member of the 4th Battalion Royal West Surrey Regiment, he was unable to put in more than three drills out of the requisite ten. As a result, he was summoned before the Magistrates. He pointed out to the Bench that, in the first place, he did not wish to join the "Queen's" for four years, and had explained to the authorities that he did not think he would be able to fulfil all his obligations. "That would be all right," he was told; they would "make allowances." No allowances were needed, however, until the present year, when a sequence of events made it impossible to give as much time as he had been wont to do. For one thing, he had taken unto himself a wife. Then a great deal of his time had been occupied by a summons brought against him by the mother of the boy in his class and by the action against ourselves.

Taking all these facts into consideration, and remembering also that a teacher has not got his liberty as soon as he leaves his school, the Magistrates might have dismissed the summons, as they have power to do where reasonable excuse is shown, instead of inflicting a fine of 10s. with costs. To say, however, that we wish Mr. Nelson better luck in the High Court would not sound genuine—even at this season of the year.

DEVILS UNAWARES.

IS LYING OFFICIALLY CONDONED?

A ticket-of-leave man is not necessarily a monster of iniquity, but many worthy citizens would hesitate to introduce such an one into the intimacy of their homes. A Welsh reader relates an unhappy experience which should not be without interest to the powers that be. He was desired by a retired police sergeant to provide lodgings "for a respectable man," and, content with this recommendation, he permitted the homeless one to share his own cottage. In point of fact, the lodger had just been released on licence after serving the major portion of a term of fifteen years' penal servitude for a gross and brutal outrage upon a woman. Ignorant of this fact, and impressed by the man's modest demeanour, our correspondent cheerfully went off to his work each morning, leaving the lodger, who had obtained night employment, to pass the day in the cottage with his wife. He one evening learned that the miscreant had offered a gross affront to his wife, and upon the threat to summon the police had hurriedly left the house to seek the protection of the ex-sergeant who had stood sponsor for his good behaviour. Meanwhile, the woman had reported the affair at the police station, but the man was, nevertheless, permitted to depart in company with his former escort.

The unsavoury episode suggests several pertinent queries. Was the ex-police sergeant acting with authority and in pursuance of an official scheme? If so, by what right did he suppress his knowledge of the man's record and omit to advise our correspondent of his vicious propensities? In circumstances readily imagined, such concealment might well have had deplorable and even tragic consequences. It is surely a monstrous thing that a man once convicted of outrageous crime should be introduced—by false pretences—into an orderly home in circumstances which strongly suggested official connivance. We are assured that the valleys of South Wales are swarming with ticket-of-leave men whose history in many cases is known only to the police. That many of them are honestly striving to "make good" we gladly assume. But there can be no doubt that in many instances their *incognito* is fraught with grave peril to their neighbours. The incident we have recorded scarcely serves to lessen our misgivings.

Our Pen Coupon will be found, this week, on page ii. of cover.

The Secret of the Honours List.

Overwhelming preponderance of business men—significance of the change—to what is it due?

WHAT has happened to the powers that arrange the New Year's Honours? Over a dozen of the new Knights and Baronets are business men, neither simply Politicians, nor merely officers in the Services! Can it be that the authorities are at last realising that the successful business man does just as much for his country as the retired Anglo-Indian warrior or the wire-pulling M.P.?

Of the fact itself there can be no doubt, and its growing appreciation in high quarters but emphasises the esteem in which the successful Business Man is held to-day. Typical examples of such men who have been honoured for their splendid record as business men are Sir William Treloar, Sir Thomas Lipton, Sir Charles Macara, Sir W. Howell Davies, Sir William B. Peat, Sir Clifford Cory, Sir Thomas Dewar and Sir Thomas Sutherland, G.C.M.G., Chairman of the great P. and O. Steamship Co.

One remarkable fact is to be noted in the case of each of these men. It might be thought that they knew all there is to know about their business. Yet all these men find it worth while to keep a copy of a certain book on business, and to refer to it whenever they feel in need of the indispensable information that it contains. Moreover, each of these men has gone to the trouble of confessing how valuable they find the work, and we print below some of these letters. It is hardly necessary to name the book. There is only one book to which it could apply. It is to the great "Business Encyclopædia and Legal Adviser" to which these Business Knights go for advice and information, and if they find it of value, is there any need to point out its value to you?

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• A NEW YEAR'S GIFT •

The New Year opens rather well
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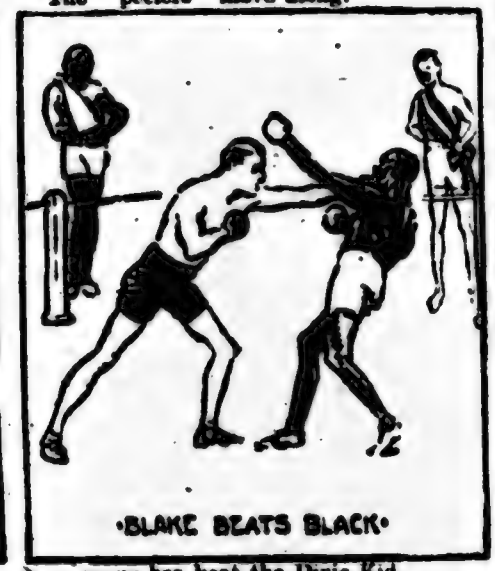

•BLAKE BEATS BLACK•

Now Blake has beat the Dixie Kid,
Who knows? perhaps 'twill be
By him once more we'll make a bid
For "ring" supremacy.

A CUSTARD PUDDING TRAGEDY.

TUCKER SINGS OUT ABOUT HIS SUPPER.

A man named George Tucker was a patient in Mount Vernon Hospital for consumption, and amongst other things set down on his diet sheet was "custard pudding." Naturally the man expected to get what had been directed by the Medical Officer, but apparently the nurses at Mount Vernon have a right of veto. Tucker tells us he was ordered by a nurse to do some sort of work, and not feeling well told her that he was unable to comply with her request—whereupon the lady promptly placed him on compulsory partial hunger strike. Tucker then "sang out"—making a complaint to the doctor. The medical man sided with the nurse, and Tucker was immediately discharged as fit for employment. He proceeded to his lodgings, Rowton House, Hammersmith, and during the night was taken seriously ill with hæmorrhage of the lungs. Next day he went to the West London Hospital, where he was ordered to the Infirmary. There is no doubt that the man is in the last stage of consumption, and to turn him out into the streets was cruel. Although we have twice written to Dr. W. J. Cox, Medical Superintendent of the Hospital, asking him for some explanation of the circumstances, he has ignored our letters, despite the fact that the Hospital of which he is the head is supported by voluntary contributions. We cannot understand how Dr. Cox could have given Tucker a certificate for employment. The Governors of the Hospital should look fully into the matter.

FARMER HUNT FOR NEW ONTARIO.

MORE CANADIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS ON THE STUMP.

According to the *Toronto World* "two Canadian immigration officers will spend considerable time in England during the present winter. . . . Travelling from place to place and holding frequent public meetings, these men will point out to thousands of Britishers the advantages awaiting them in Ontario." Turning to the *Hamilton Spectator*, another Canadian paper, we find it speaking of the difficulty of finding work. "Britishers here know by this time," it says, "that the Government agent-recruiting immigrants in the old country have not a very high regard for the truth; in fact, many of them are liars; and are paid to lie. When they give sunburst-glow accounts and state 'Right this moment we could place 50,000 men at work in Canada,' do they tell them that this is only true during the harvesting, say for three months, and that the remaining nine months they would need to wander and live like pariahs? They do not. . . ." Of course they do not. That would give the game away; said game being to squeeze the British emigrant of all his cash resources for the benefit of the people who haven't any, and then let him drift to live anyhow or anywhere for what he can get, or go to the Devil, if he can get nothing. At this moment there is not a town of any importance in Canada where crowds of unemployed are not shivering hungry through the streets. In Canada, even more than here, poverty is a crime—and there are no workhouses.

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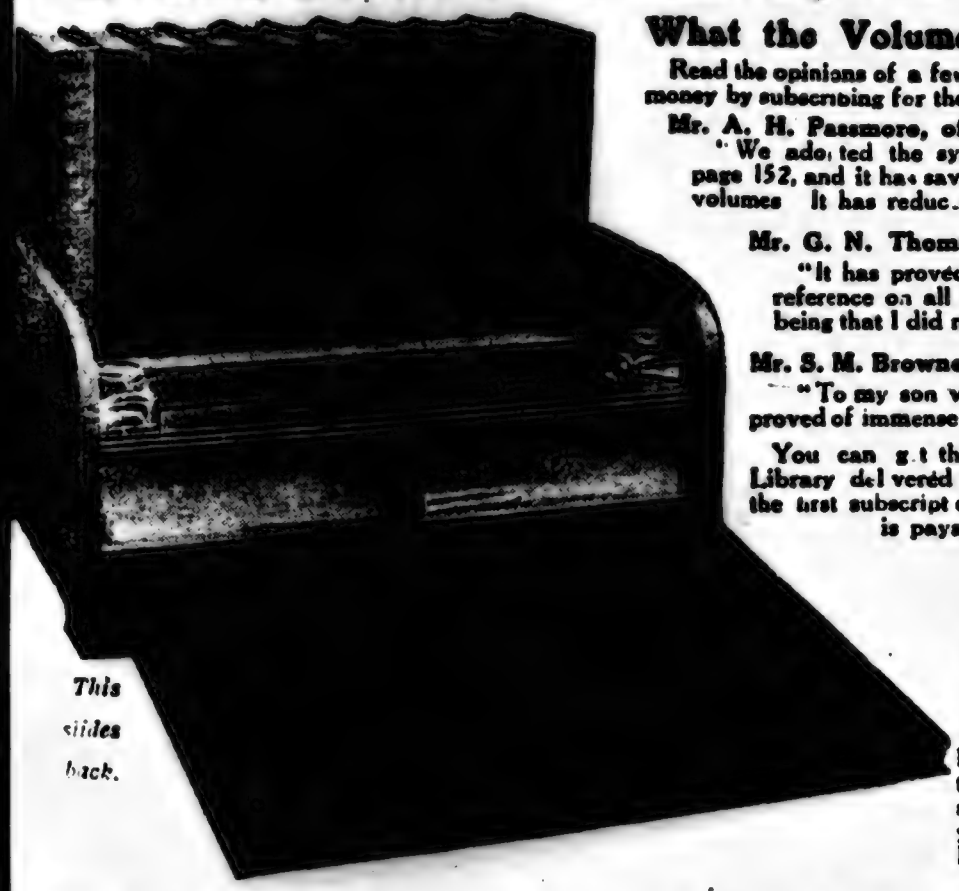

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AN UNCONSCIONABLE CHARGE.

HOW LABOUR UNREST IS FOMENTED.

George Long, a tram conductor in the employ of the Lancashire United Tramways Company, was recently the victim of a trumpery and vexatious prosecution at the instance of his employers. Long was charged with embezzling a shilling, in circumstances which furnished no shadow of evidence of criminal intent. One morning recently the man was supplied as usual with a stock of tickets for the day. It is customary for each conductor to be furnished with a daily "way-bill," which is virtually a statement of the ticket account between himself and the Company; but on the day in question Long received two tickets in excess of the number entered on his sheet. We can readily credit his statement that he was unaware of this circumstance, conductors being accustomed to rely upon the figure of the way-bill rather than take the trouble of counting a batch of tickets, which may number as many as four thousand for a single day. Upon completing his day's work, Long paid in sufficient money to balance the way-bill account, and then—finding that his takings were slightly in excess of this sum—he actually tendered the pence to the Receiving Clerk, who declined, however, to accept more than the amount shown on the bill. In some way or other the incident was brought to the notice of the General Manager, who summoned Long to his office with a view to further investigation. Mistaking the purport of the Manager's message, Long failed to attend. A few days later he received a police summons charging him with embezzlement. We need hardly say that the case was contemptuously dismissed by the Bench, but the incident is noteworthy as an example of methods which have already infused some bitterness into the relations between the Lancashire United Tramways Company and its staff. There is but too much reason to fear that the harsh and unfair treatment accorded to Long is typical of the whole attitude of the Company towards conductors in its employ. In this matter of ticket accounts, "heads we win, tails you lose," is a maxim to which the Company displays ruthless attachment. Against all incidental loss due to bad coins, wrong change, lost tickets and similar causes, the conductors must indemnify the Company to the uttermost farthing, while should he chance, through an office blunder or a "detective" trap, to receive a single ticket in excess of the number shown on his way-bill—even though he may be unaware of the fact—he must account for it in coin or run the risk of criminal prosecution with consequent loss of character. These and similar considerations were doubtless present to the minds of the Magistrates before whom Long was arraigned, and we wish they had seen fit to express condemnation of proceedings involving so gross an abuse of criminal process.

A PURBLIND PHILANTHROPIST.

"WHO DRIVES FAT OXEN SHOULD HIMSELF BE FAT."

We understand that extensive structural alterations are in progress at the country residence of a gentleman well known in social and philanthropic circles. Incredible as it may seem, we learn that the men engaged upon this job are working under the most deplorable conditions, the scantiest regard being paid to their health, comfort or convenience. Although it is necessary for the workmen to take their food upon the premises, they have not, we believe, been furnished with any adequate shelter for this purpose, while such sanitary arrangements as exist are of the most primitive order, richly meriting the close attention of the local health authority.

We cannot think that these gross abuses are within the cognisance of the eminent gentleman on whose behalf the work of reconstruction is being carried through, and he will probably be as surprised as anyone should the men—as is not unlikely—"down tools" as a protest against such woeful disregard for common decency, to say nothing of simple comfort. Yet, after all, no man can be held wholly guiltless of abuses which disfigure his own domain. What have the contractors to say?

FLEECING THE AGED.

FRIENDLY SOCIETY'S BARBAROUS FINANCE.

It appears that in our recent reference to the Independent Order of Foresters we rather understated the hapless case of the older members whose prospects have been steadily worsened by the successive shifts to which the unthrifty management has been compelled to resort. A Teignmouth reader, who joined the Order in 1894, is in far worse case than his Dingwall brother, to whose position we formerly adverted. Indeed, he has been doomed to witness the progressive extinction of the prospect of benefit whereby he was induced to enter the Society; and now, at the age of 65, he is faced with the almost total loss of the product of life-long thrift. His unhappy experience may be briefly summarised. Entering the Order, as we have said, in the early nineties, he "paid in" for a sum of £200, realisable at death or at the age of 70. A few years later the finances of the Society were found to be actuarily unsound and a general "re-assessment" was ordered. Our correspondent was faced with a demand for double the subscription he had hitherto paid, with the enticing option of permitting an interest-bearing lien of £50 to be debited against the amount of his policy. Unable to meet the increased payments proposed, he perforce consented to the latter course, which obviously took the gilt off his investment. Imagine his consternation when, in October of last year, he was confronted with a peremptory demand for a further increased contribution, or, in the alternative, an added lien of £52 against his already attenuated policy! Nor was this all. The right to withdraw the sum insured, less liens and interest, at 70 was summarily withdrawn. Should he desire to wind up the policy at three score years and ten, he must now consent to accept seven-tenths in lieu of the whole sum due to him, straitened as it already is by the successive depredations of the blundering management. Having carefully worked things out, he conjectures that by the time he is qualified for an old age pension, he may contrive to scrape a "fiver," as against the £200 stipulated in his original contract with the Society—and this after consistently contributing to the funds for a period of twenty-four years.

Our correspondent assures us that the meetings of his Court are, by the rules of the Order, opened and concluded with prayer. We can fancy that the responses of members in like case with himself may well be more forcible than devout.

THE PRICE OF PARSIMONY.

HOW DOVER TRAMS ARE REPAIRED.

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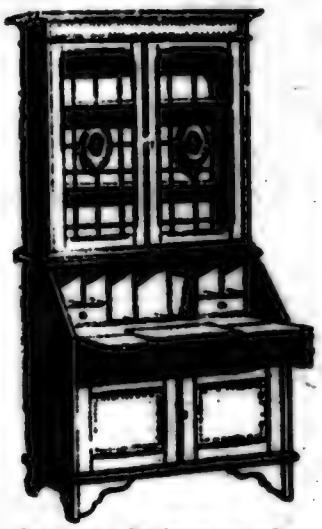

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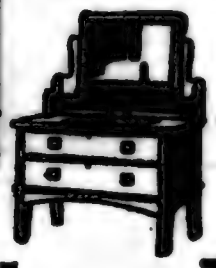

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"THE GREATEST OF THESE—"

HUMAN DOCUMENT.—CCLXXXI.

[In this column every week we publish particulars of some human derelict whose case, after full investigation, we are able to recommend to the charity of our readers. We are happy to say that in this way we have already been the means of bringing comfort into many a wretched home. All amounts subscribed are duly acknowledged, and no deduction of any kind is made by us.]

THE WIDOW AND FATHERLESS.

A poor woman and her six children have been suddenly deprived of their breadwinner. A few days before Christmas, George Rowland Nightingale, of Ashover, was proceeding to his work on a bicycle, when he lost control of it, dashed into a telephone post and was instantly killed. His widow and young family of six (the eldest not yet ten) are totally unprovided for. Rowland was a painter and, of course, did not earn very good wages, which may account for the fact that at the time of the accident the sum of 1s. 6d. was all the money that stood between the little family and the workhouse. The poor fellow bore an excellent character, and they were all highly respected in the district—indeed, the neighbours have opened a subscription list with a view to setting the widow up in a little business of some sort. A gentleman in the district writes:—

> Can you help this woman and her fatherless children? The deceased was an ideal father and husband, and his wife is also of excellent character.

Such are the bare facts of a very sad case. It must have been a terrible Christmas for the poor woman. Will you enable us to make the little family, if not quite happy, as happy as circumstances will allow during the coming year?

We have received the following, which we have duly forwarded to the subjects of the "Human Documents" named:—

CCLXVI.—"Good Health," 5os.

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CCLXXX.—R. M. H., 1s.; "Good Health," 2s. 6d.; "Little Johnnie," 8s.; S. G., 1s.; F. P., 1s. 6d.; W. E. N., 2s. 6d.; "Canny Toon," 2s.; J. P., 2s.; "New Year," 2s.; "Nemo," 2s. 6d.; L. B., 2s. 6d.; "Ivy Mary," 2s. 6d.

We have this week apportioned £10 from the JOHN BULL Football Cup Sweepstake Charity Fund as follows:—CCLXXIII., 5os.; CCLXXIV., 5os.; CCLXXVI., 5os.; CCLXXVII., 5os.

We have also apportioned £20 from the JOHN BULL Derby Sweepstake Charity Fund as follows:—CCLXXVIII., £3; CCLXXIX., £5; CCLXXX., £5; £1 to the girl we referred to in our issue of December 27th, under the heading of "Silently Stealing Away"; £2 to the poor man whose case we mention in the current issue, under the heading of "Down and Out"; £3 to the mother of the boy whose treatment we referred to in our paragraph entitled "State Kidnappers"; and £1 to the wife of a Royal Reservist, with a small family, and out of employment. We have also been successful in obtaining work for him.

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READING.—Mr. W. Waite, Broad St., 1s.

Total, £2 11s. 2d., of which we have allocated £1 to CCLXXVII. and £1 11s. 2d. to CCLXXVIII.

"DOWN AND OUT."

OFFICIAL CHARITY MORE "OFFICIAL" THAN "CHARITY."

Under this heading, a young American journalist who is "down and out," gives us his experiences in his efforts to secure relief in the City of London. Hard times have, he tells us, introduced him to many "wolves in sheep's clothing," who, when asked for bread, give a stone; whose charity begins at home, and apparently ends there: who, instead of trying to find a reason why they should help, operate from the reverse point of view—veritable modern Pharisees, who proclaim their "good works" with a blare of trumpets, but who, when the opportunity to do good presents itself, are found wanting. Present-day Shylocks, if you will, who solicit alms from the coffers of the wealthy for the avowed purpose of giving to the poor, but who in reality, after spending nine-tenths on themselves, give away the other tenth with such a grudge that all semblance of charity vanishes in the mode of giving.

On appealing to the Charity Organisation Society, though he presented proper credentials, he was, he says, referred to the Relieving Officer, and he in turn recommended the workhouse. And this treatment was considered suitable for a young man of thirty-two years, full of energy and ambition, of excellent education and guilty of nothing except that "no man had hired him." Appeal was then made by letter to a prominent minister who had recently come to London from the native city of his suppliant. Prior to his leaving, his parishioners presented him with a large sum of money as a mark of esteem. His reply to the newspaper man "down on his luck" was "Too busy."

The few places that do take in the destitute—such as the Church Army and Salvation Army—use no discernment at all. Though the "subject" may be a lawyer or doctor, just out of a home of luxury, he is required to saw wood. There is no objection to sawing wood, but officials convert poverty into profit for themselves by offering two shillings for a week's work. Result—the poor "dead beats" depreciate in value, and leave, a few days or a month later, facing exactly the same problem as confronted them on entry.

The Y.M.C.A., to which the young American belonged for years, practically took this position: "We are entitled to ask for money, but you mustn't." Why there should be one code of ethics for them and another for the humble applicant for relief, they did not explain. Our friend comments bitterly, "Truly, if Christ came to the back door of some of these institutions barefooted, they wouldn't let Him in unless He had a cheque in His hand."

We are afraid he is correct in the deduction with which he sums up his story—that "a large part of the money donated by philanthropists for the poor never reaches its destination, but provides a comfortable living for the middlemen. Moral—Distribute your gifts personally." Acting on this maxim, we have handed him a couple of pounds from our "Human Document" Fund, which has enabled him to tide over Christmas, and, we hope, will start him on a more prosperous new year.

"JOHN BULL'S" CHRISTMAS CHARITIES.

We gratefully acknowledge the following further subscriptions:—

E. G. R., 1s.; J. C. F., 2s. 6d.; "Bet," 2s.; R. P., 2s. 6d.; J. L., 2s. 6d.; "A Soldier on Furlough," 1s.; "A Friend," 1s.; "A Collier Boy," 1s.; H. A. (Manchester), 3s.; Mrs. M. F., 6d.; "Truro," 6s.; "Coastguard," 1s.; E. W. R., 2s.; W. O., 5s.; R. P., 1s.; Mr. N., 5s. 6d.; J. C., 2s.; F. B., 6d.; "Good Health," 5os.; J. T., 3s.; "An Inkslinger," 6d. Parcels of clothing, toys, etc.:—E. J. M., E. G., "Cyril," "Ightham," E. H., "Yorkshireman," D. A. B., "Ennen," F. B., L. C., "Hulme," "Olive," W. J., T. C., "Anonymous," "Friends" (Pontypridd), "Charlie and Tottie," Miss H. T., "The Laurels," Mrs. J. L. M., A. B., B. B., "Walcot Parade," G. A. W., "Ginger," B., G. W. M. R., E. M. B., H. R. (Harrogate), "*John and Mary's* Readers," Mrs. H. G. W., "A Mother of Eight," Mrs. L. H. P. (Sutton), B. S., L. W., Mr. and Mrs. A. A., A. E. (Tottenham).

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Loss of smell and mucus dropping in the back of the throat are other symptoms that show the presence of catarrhal poison, and which are quickly overcome by this efficacious treatment. Nearly ninety per cent. of all ear troubles are directly caused by catarrh, therefore there are but few people whose hearing cannot be restored by this simple home treatment. Every person who is troubled with head noises, catarrhal deafness, or catarrh in any form, should give this prescription a trial. There is nothing better.

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CANDID COMMUNICATIONS.

[This page is devoted to Open Letters to Celebrities, Notorieties, and, occasionally, Nonentities.]

To Sir Ernest Shackleton, Antarctic Explorer.

DEAR SIR ERNEST,—Sighing for "new worlds to conquer," you are about to attempt a Polar journey of greater magnitude than any yet achieved. Undaunted by difficulties and careless of dangers, you seek to re-establish British "prestige" in the realm of Antaractic adventure. You will go on as banner-bearer to the untrodden wastes of the Far South, returning, I trust in due season, to enjoy the full measure of honour which civilisation has reserved for its fearless pioneers. In that event, you shall know the throbbing sense of conscious power which comes to men who have waged successful war with nature in the stark places of the earth. But is it *quite* worth while?

JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. P. J. Kelly, The Rectory, Whitwood Mere.

DEAR RECTOR,—It is good to notice such a broad-minded parson as you about. If there were more of you the world would be a more delightful place to live in for many people than it is at present. Too true is it that "narrow-minded people," "those whose minds run in a small groove," imagine that all who are not in the same groove "must be tobogganing at break-neck speed straight for a yawning hell." It is always the bigot, always the intolerant, always the man looking at life through distorting lenses, who sees evil where evil is not, and even good where good is not. I do not believe that life was evolved that we should tread its mazes through all our years as if we were mourners at an interminable funeral. There is nothing but depression in the funereal piety of pleasure-killing puritans; and the keynote of true religion is not to make mourning, but to make gladness. It is these people whom you tell in your parish magazine to "get some wire netting to protect their own windows before they throw stones at others." And in truth they need it, my dear Rector, but the mesh must be very small if it is to prevent a tremendous smashing of stained glass.

I am glad to know it is part of your mission, as it is part of mine, to tell those who come within the range of your influence that whist-drives and dances, Sunday music in the parks, Sunday concerts in the halls, Sunday exhibitions in the art galleries, and all such things, are good for mind and body and soul to the full extent of the means by which they are innocently enjoyed; not things of the Devil, as solemn cant and dumpish, mumpish, soul-sick religionism would have us believe. "Therefore," you say, "we allow and patronise these other things which are part of the less serious side of life; it is better that we should keep them under our own control than that we should let the Devil have his own way and tell the people there is no fun in religion." Well said, my friend.

JOHN BULL.

To Dr. A. H. Ratepayer, Quebec Street, Marble Arch, London.

SIR,—My words to you shall be few and short. In the first place, you are a scoundrel; in the second place, if the public interest were served, you would be in gaol and afterwards deported to the place whence you came, instead of getting off with the payment, or at a pinch with the non-payment, of the £350 damages awarded against you. To employ a 17-year-old girl as typist and on several occasions afterwards to drug her into ruin and make her the unconscious mother of your child—this was your crime, sir; and damages in a civil action, especially if you can escape the payment of them, is no punishment at all. I do not know what jurisdiction the British Medical Council have over a foreign practitioner of your scoundrelly type; all I say is that, if your rascality is not at least as much "unprofessional conduct" as assisting an expert bone-setter not medically qualified, or advertising in the papers, then I do not know of any offence which should bring you into the category of the medically proscribed. Get out of my sight, anyhow; or I shall either bring my whip or hire somebody who does not mind dirtying his boots to kick you.

JOHN BULL.

To "Prince Michael," "The New House or Body of Israel," Watling Street, New Brompton, Kent.

DEAR MIKE,—It is rather a long time now since I addressed your Humbug Highness, posing as the "Son of God," "the Ambassador of the Living God of Israel," "sent by his heavenly parents in fulfilment of the divine prophecies"; and I should certainly have permitted you to continue stewing in your humbuggery, ministering to the credulity of your handful of willing and servile dupes, without further notice if there had not fallen into my hands a crazy-brained letter which you, or they on your behalf, have addressed to the members of the Gillingham Town Council; a letter, that is to say, relating to the "Woodlands," recently purchased by the Council for £2,500 from Mr. Louis Brennan, the mono-rail inventor.

I call it a crazy letter, dear Mike, because, apart from its reiteration of your preposterously blasphemous claims to physical and spiritual divinity with God, you have the audacity to demand under threat of plague, pestilence, famine, earthquakes, railway accidents and international complications, the free use of the "Woodlands" for you and the missus, "Princess Michael, the New Eve," the lady you brought with you from—let me see—Chicago, wasn't it; or was it from some Canadian town or other, where you got into trouble with the police about a house as to the proceedings in which they did not approve? You can't have it for money, Mike, and you can't have it for nothing; so do go and get your hair cut and be quite quiet till the tower of Jezreel rises prosperous in the land and the prophecies of the Flying Roll shall be fulfilled.

JOHN BULL.

To Captain Burton, Adjutant, 4th Battalion, Hampshire Territorial Regiment.

DEAR ADJUTANT,—I see you are keeping your men "up to scratch." You recently appeared as prosecutor at the Alton Police Court and there laid Information against three members of your battalion, who, you alleged, had failed to perform their musketry drills as required by the Regulations of the Force. The Bench, graced for the nonce by the presence of a couple of live colonels, wore quite the air of a Court-Martial, and the three defendants were smartly fined. Yet I fear that upon reflection you will derive scant satisfaction from the proceedings. It was clear from the evidence that the men had received no authoritative intimation of their default, such notices having, in fact, reached them when it was too late for them to comply with the Service Regulations. In these circumstances, the issue of police-court summonses was an unnecessary and an arbitrary proceeding. It is not thus that loyal and hearty soldiers are made. I beg you to keep a more vigilant eye upon the issue of default notices.

JOHN BULL.

To W. Smith, Esq., Controller, General Post Office, Edinburgh.

SIR,—The notices regarding "casual leave," which you recently caused to be exhibited in the male and female retiring rooms of your Telegraph Department, are something lacking in common decency. I do not propose to reproduce them—my readers have nicer notions on these matters than you appear to possess—and you know quite well what I mean. And just one more point while I have pen in hand. Do drop the silly habit of writing trivial notices to your staff in language appropriate to a royal proclamation or an ambassadorial despatch. It makes them laugh at you.

JOHN BULL.

To Dr. W. Evans Darby, Secretary, Peace Society.

DEAR DOCTOR, as you know, I have little sympathy with the sham pacificism of which you are a consistent advocate, but I have nothing but praise for your outspoken candour. After an extended Canadian tour, you declared that public feeling in the Dominion is "dead against the policy of both the Liberal and Conservative Parties," there being no vestige of enthusiasm for grandiose schemes of Imperial defence. Equally notable is your emphatic declaration that "the emigration boom has been overdone"; and in this connection your unvarnished utterances may do much to dispel the mischievous legend of "the golden West." It is clear that you possess the courage to speak the truth as you see it, and I am not without hope that you may some day see it whole.

JOHN BULL.

Our Pen Coupon will be found, this week, on page ii. of cover.

A PARALLEL CASE.

"The German Army is vital, not merely to the existence of the German Empire, but to the very life and independence of the nation itself. . . . She cannot afford to take any chances in that direction."

(Mr. Lloyd George in the *Daily Chronicle* interview on the reduction of armaments.)

JOHN BULL: "Good. That's exactly my case with the Navy. *And I'M not taking any chances, either!*"

POLITICAL PATTER.

MR. MALLABY-DEELEY.

(*Sings*) The stately homes of England,
How beautiful they stand!
I'd buy the lot if I had not
Some other things on hand;
I've captured Covent Garden
And Bedford's big estate—
Now, for a lark, I'm "on" Hyde Park,
St. Paul's and Billingsgate.

I never told you how I came to buy Covent Garden, Bow Street (*tremolo violin*)—don't be frightened—Long Acre, and all the rest, did I? Well, it was like this. I was walking through Covent Garden one day, admiring the snowdrops and cauliflowers and mangel wurzels, when a rude fruit-salesman shouted out to me: "Hi, mister, 'ave a bernarner?" I looked at him sternly—like that (*piccolo*)—"Who are you talking to?" "Nobody much," he said, winking at his pals, who were lounging about like that (*business*). Dear me! I nearly slipped that time. "Nobody much," I repeated, drawing myself up to my full height. "Are you aware that I could buy Covent Garden, and then kick you out of it?" "If you're as rich as all that," said the insolent fellah, "you can afford to buy a bernarner." That enraged me, you know. And when I'm enraged I m—I'm—er—I'm enraged. "I'll show you who I am!" I cried. "I'll buy Covent Garden over your head as it stands!"—"Better buy Bow Street, too, while you're about it," drawled one of his insolent companions. "So I will," I shouted. "I'll buy it, so that when you're next charged you'll be standing on my ground to be convicted!"—"Wot's Long Acre done?" snarled another. "You'd better buy that too." "So I will!" I yelled—for I was getting warm by then, let me tell you devilish warm. "I'll buy it—not because you want me to, but because it s the home of JOHN BULL, and I shall be proud to be the groundlord of the building from which issues the ..nest——" (*loud and continuous applause*). Even then they wouldn't believe me, but laughed. "If you re going to do all that you'd better 'ave a bernarner," one o. them said. "They re very nourishing, and the skin cures corns." That was enough. I turned on my heel—like that (*more business*)—I must have caught my toe in something—pressed my hat firmly on my head, shot my laundry, and went straight to the Duke of Bedford. "Er—Duke," I said, "er—what about Covent Garden and your other little bits of undeveloped round about—I m buying?" "Not selling," said the Duke. "I'll put up a cool million," I remarked casually. "Nothin' doin'," said the Duke. "Million and a half?" I suggested. "Nothin doin'," said the Duke. "Make your own price, and it s yours," I said. "I want it." "What for?" asked the Duke. "For revenge," I said. "There's a fruit-salesman there I don t like. Asked me to have a banana." "Oh, all right," said the Duke, "you can have the lot for—" (*a voice: How much?*) Ah, you'd like to know, wouldn't you? Well, I ain't a-goin' to tell. So we might as well get on with the chorus. Now, all together:

The stately homes of England,
How beautiful they stand!
I'd buy the lot if I had not
Some other things on hand;
I've captured Covent Garden
And Bedford's big estate—
Now, for a lark, I'm "on" Hyde Park
St. Paul's and Billingsgate.

OUR CRANK'S CORNER.

A Cockney was one time staying in Scotland on holiday, and happened to be invited to a party. On being called upon to sing, he thought to please the company by giving them something "Scotch." Accordingly he proceeded to put it across the "Lass o' Ballochmyle," rendering it something like this:

"Oh, 'ad she been a country mide
And I a happy country swine."

Moral—Never make a beast of yourself.

SOAPY JIM.

PITY THE POOR EDITOR!

MORE GEMS FROM OUR LETTER BAG.

"Please answer this question in your next isue if possiable.
There was a *widower* and *his Son*
" " *Widow* and *Daughter*
Son marries Widow.
Daughter marries Widower.
What relationship are *there children* to one another."

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"I am sending you the Names of ships & steamers New Names to be given to New ships I sent 14 Names) I dont Now if it is the right address I lost the address if it is Mr—churchill League office or Jhon Bull office but I think I ame sure it is Jhon Bull office) I have seen it in one of his books you can Please let me now I hope you will be satisfied will the Name.

"This is the Competition ships Name:—Trafalgar Castle, Rovers Castle, Lancashire Castle, Spartan Castle, St. Albans Castle, Aberdeen Castle, Plymouth Castle, Prinses Royal Castle, Bristol Castle, Merthyr Castle, United Castle, Maidenhead Castle, Norman Castle, Eastbourne Castle."

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"Perhaps you are not aware that the Cuckoo sucks the Titlark's eggs and then lays an egg in the nest which is hatched and fostered by the Titlark, this is a great surprise to many people."

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"Dear Sir, will you kindly send me A answer to what I ask you for, I was Born in A Prison at spilsby Lincolnshire About 48 or 49 years ago, and i have been told by several scolars that they was A small sum off A farthing or A ½ Penny A day for them that was born in A Prison so I thought i would Get some one to write to you Sir, as i am no scholar myself My mothers name was Smith.

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OUR MAD POET.

THE MERCHANT OF THINGS.

SPASM FROM TRIAL SCENE—IN IMITATION OF SOOKBEERE.

SMITHIO: Your honour, I do know the story well,
And with your kind permission I will show
That this old Jew can t have his pound of flesh.
JEW: Oh, yes, I can. I know the law,
And knowing it, am sure that I am right.
SMITHIO: Softly, Jew. In half a dozen jiffies I will show
That you are wrong. But, now, let me proceed.
I call upon you, lords, to witness this.
Under a law, but newly come in force,
It is illegal for a person to
Traffic in flesh upon the afternoon
Of one set day per week. And, lords, to-day
Is the set day of this week. 'Tis afternoon,
And therefore 'tis not legal for the Jew
To traffic thus in flesh. 'Tis he who should
Be in the dock before you, for he seeks
To break the law of this good country.
Thus is the last day of his bond, and so
He loses all. As for the Merchant here,
Let him belaud the name of good Asquithi.

(Long and loud uproar, in which the remainder of Smithio's speech was drowned.)

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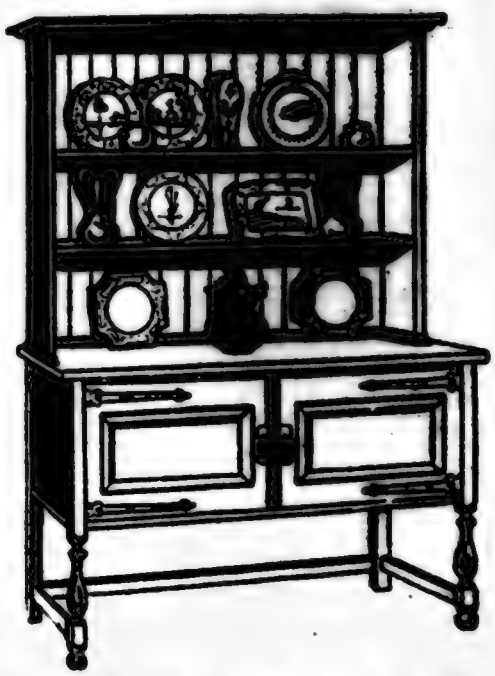

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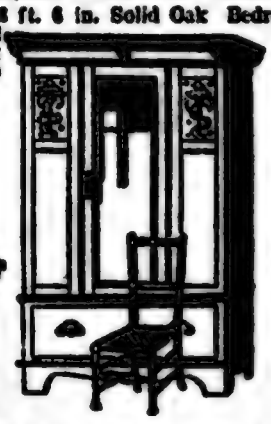

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WE WONDER.

What striking changes will be seen
In Nineteen Hundred and Fourteen?
What alterations will take place
During this new-born Year of Grace?
What will occur to justify
The expression "*Anno Domini*"?

In the Religious field, no doubt,
Peace, perfect peace, will come about;
The Church will purge her priestly ranks
Of vicious ministers and cranks;
The sweated curate—*he who toils*—
Will share, of course, the bishops' spoils;
And rich incumbents will not shirk,
As many do, their share of work:
Whilst Nonconformist sects will cease
Their squabbles, and compose a peace,
And use the increasing sums which they
On Foreign Missions throw away
To soothe the sorrows of the poor
Who stand unheeded at their door.
Such wondrous happenings *may* be seen
In Nineteen Hundred and Fourteen.

Then, in the world Political
Who can foretell what may befall?
Perhaps the people will awake
And Party's shackles from them shake;
Perhaps they'll realise at length
The unguessed measure of their strength,
And, rising, spurn from out their way
The parasites who on them prey.

And maybe Party Hacks, ashamed
To own the Whip by which they're tamed,
Will make a bid for liberty
From their degrading slavery,
And, scorning Party Interest,
Think, speak, and vote as they deem best
And, haply, Parliament will see
How far it is a mockery,
And that all power is wielded by
A Bureaucratic Coterie—
That Boards are only Boards in name,
Whose heads have "office" for their aim,
Since ignorance they all display
Of their departments day by day.
And maybe, too, it will admit
That, notwithstanding Party wit
And cozening and sly intrigue,
There's something in the JOHN BULL LEAGUE,
Whose myriad members all are bent
On honest, Business Government,
By which alone our Empire may
Be saved from ruin and decay.
All this may possibly be seen
In Nineteen Hundred and Fourteen.

And in the year that now begins,
Wild women may repent their sins;
The savage Suffragette may cease
Her raids upon the public peace—
The hateful wickedness may see
Of burning private property;
And, growing saner, may relent
From ruining the innocent.
And possibly she'll realise
The vote is but a sorry prize,
Not worth imprisonment and pain
Whilst Party leaders hold the rein.
If we might hope these changes all
In the next twelve months would befall,
We'd say: "A greater year will not be seen
Than Nineteen Hundred and Fourteen!"

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OUR £1,000 "BULLETS" WINNER.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHIST'S GREAT WINDFALL.

We have received the following interesting letter from Mr. F. Wrigglesworth, the winner of the £1,000 in our Christmas "Bullets" Competition:—

The Manor House, Mellor,
near Maple Bridge, Derbyshire.
December 20th, 1914.

I am very sorry indeed for any inconvenience I may be causing you by delaying till now the writing of this letter, but the amount of correspondence which comes from all corners of England would keep a bonfire going for hours. Well, it is only a twelve-month ago since I left the Royal Navy, where I performed the duties of a wireless telegraphy operator. Within two or three months after my naval career, I was fortunate enough to obtain a situation in Manchester as instructor to the Northern Wireless Schools, Ltd., which, compared to my life in the Service, made me feel like an Admiral on retired pay. It was during my stay with the afore-mentioned firm that one of the most pleasant experiences of my life happened. I had to take the Mellor Troop of Boy Scouts in hand and teach them wireless telegraphy for the Exhibition which was held in Birmingham during July, and, although the boys could do exceedingly well, we had to take second place to a troop with a more powerful installation. It was during the month of October that I got transferred to Dublin, and, from the troubles going on in that City, I got my idea of "Stirring Times." I was living with Mr. Cundell, the other instructor who worked with me for the Irish Schools of Wireless in Dublin, and who has been a competitor in "Bullets" since they started, and in other papers for about ten years. Considering I had only been doing "Bullets" for three months, and know little or nothing concerning any competition, I was a bit surprised at being a winner of so large a sum in so short a time; but still, this life is full of surprises. Enclosed is a cheque for £5, which I send for your "Human Document" column, to be distributed in the way you think most beneficial. I left Manchester yesterday for Marple, where I am now staying. As regards my future and the future of the £1,000, I have not made up my mind, but can say that the bulk of it will stay in the Bank. My chief reason in leaving Manchester for Mellor was to learn what to do with it; and now I will draw this to a close by wishing everybody a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

We are sure all our readers, even though they enter upon the New Year with prospects somewhat less bright than those of Mr. Wrigglesworth, will heartily reciprocate his good wishes, and hope that his unexpected windfall may prove of permanent benefit to him.

Now, who wants the £1,000 offered in our "Bullets" Competition this week?

FOOTBALL FANCIES.

By "M.W."

When I took control of JOHN BULL Football Competition Department I was asked what I intended to do, and my answer was "Something big."

"But we have been doing something big right along in JOHN BULL," was the reply.

"Then we must do something bigger."

Look at our announcement for the present week. Note that the enormous sum of £1,500 is offered for a correct coupon. This surpasses any offer ever made by any paper for

A SINGLE WEEK COMPETITION.

Get the fact well into your head that on this occasion the Competition is for one week only.

This week's offer is a record one, but next week we are going to out-record it.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

I would draw the attention of everyone sending in Coupons for the First Round of the Cup Ties Competition to an important matter. For the purpose of our Competition, all the clubs given in the first column of our Coupon will be regarded as "Home" teams. Thus, although Gainsborough Trinity have sold their choice of ground, and will play at Leeds instead of at Gainsborough, the "Home" team will be Gainsborough Trinity. So if you predict that Leeds City will win you must put your cross in the "Away" column.

Do not forget now, that the football competition which we announce in the present issue is *for one week only*.

PRUDES ON THE PROWL.

A BERLIN VERSION OF EXCELSIOR.

[*Berlin police have raided a fashionable shop in the Leipzigerstrasse and seized a particularly life-like wax model of a young woman wearing corsets, on the score of the "immorality" of such exhibitions. Shop windows are now being secretly photographed by the police with a view to further action.*—DAILY PAPER.]

As down the strasse the policeman passed
He started, stopped, and stood aghast,
To see, with horror-stricken eyes,
A corset maker's strange device
For selling more.

Before him posed, in clothing slight,
A female figure of delight,
Whose limbs with waxen beauty shone—
True she'd a pair of corsets on,
But little more.

His brow grew black, his eyes beneath
Flashed like a falchion from its sheath,
Then, with a German oath, he flung
Himself the customers among,
Who thronged the store.

"Mein Gott in Himmel, nein!" he said,
And grabbed the image by the head,
And with a casual garment tried
The model's waxen limbs to hide,
Which little wore.

In vain the shopmen's quick advance!
The prudish policeman seized his chance,
Embraced the graceful form and slight,
And with it made a hurried flight
From out the store.

"Oh, stay! my stays!" the shopman said,
"They were the very latest and the best."
A tear stood in his anxious eye,
And, judging from his bitter sigh,
He felt it sore.

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At dawn, as shop- and factory-ward
Reluctant Berlin workers fared,
They saw photographers prepare
Unopened corset-shops to snare
From sheltering door.

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Now, though you traverse Berlin round,
Wax images will not be found
Clad in smart corsets—a device
Conducive, think the police, to vice
If not to more.

Somewhere, still clad in scant array,
Lifeless but beautiful she lay;
Wax though she be, he's waxier far
Whose window, reft of that bright star,
Excels no more!

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"Bullets" starts the new year well. 1st Prize, £1,000 this week. **See page 32.**

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Does Lord Haldane judge others by himself?
Isn't Dr. Cook giving Peary a good "roasting"?
Isn't the Channel Tunnel doomed to "go under"?
Is it possible for Labour M.P.s to be "independent"?
Do they call him "M. Can't-be-loop" in London now?
Will marriage become a thing of the "passed" in Wisconsin?
Is Marie Lloyd now satisfied with the condition of the garden?
Is it true that "The Sleeping Beauty" wants more "waking up"?
How will our music-halls manage to exist without Harry Lauder?
Will he be known as Lord Murray of "Oilybank" when he returns?
Isn't South Africa finding that "Test" and "trial" mean the same?
Have you "made your mark" on our "Bullets" target yet? See pages 32 and 33.
Are the Single Taxers contemplating a "double" on the Government?
Does Lloyd George want the "land" if he can get the "country" without it?

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A Suffrage School is the latest departure. Well, they have a lot to learn.

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Suggested motto for the policemen's trade union: "Every Copper Helps."

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Bedfellow won a race at Newbury. The other horses couldn't "get up" in time.

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"Love is like champagne," says a writer. Yes, "pops" and then gets stale.

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The Army is to be advertised. We shall expect "columns" of the right "type."

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A "Charley's Aunt" Club has been formed. All the "nuts" will be anxious to join.

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A fruit-tree in California has been insured for £6,000. It must be a golden plum.

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"British Music in the Van," reads a headline. We should have said "in the cart."

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"Ministers Without Eggs," reads a headline. They will get plenty at the next election.

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Southend's motor mark is to be "H. J." The letters do not stand for "Handy joy-ride."

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The new farce, "Always Tell Your Wife," should be a success; the very idea makes one smile.

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A new book is called "Heroes of the Dawn." Evidently stories of people who get up early.

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Wagner, we are told, talked a great deal too much. But this is no excuse for his admirers.

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The secretary of "The Diddlum Club" has been charged with fraud. Weren't the members "asking for it"?

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Mrs. Pankhurst, who has gone to Switzerland, is not likely to feel the cold after her reception in the States.

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Golf, declares a Leeds doctor, is of greater therapeutic value than any drug. In other words, "clubs are trumps."

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It is stated that there are 13,052,846 Jews in the world. These figures do not include the Aberdonian contingent.

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Tango pedometers are now worn as garter ornaments in Baltimore. But they won't prevent dancers going too far.

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The Frenchwoman who, though enjoying perfect health, spent 55 years in bed, was evidently of the *laisser faire* sex.

Printer's Pie

(THE WORK OF THE "DEVIL.")

"Alan McIntyre's Grand Opera Orchestra. Conductor, Mr. Wilson. DISINFECTED with Jeye's Fluid."—Devonport Hippodrome poster.

"One pictures the gallant Prince (of Wied) holding up a recalcitrant Albanian IN ONE HAND and READING the Encyclopædia Britannica with the OTHER."—*The Daily Chronicle.*

"For Sale, two good bull CALVES (shorthorn cross), TEN YEARS old."—Mr. Suttie, Clayhole, Carnoustie (advertising in the *Dundee Courier*).

"The old bridge (across the Tweed at Berwick). . was opened in 1634, in the TENTH REIGN of Charles I."—*The South Wales Echo.*

"Wilson let Goodwill away, and the latter centred for Hibbert to hook the ball a foot past the post as two men CRASHED INTO him and MISSED him."—*Newcastle Football Mail's* report of match between Newcastle and Sunderland.

"The six tails from the necklet she placed round the edge of a stylish fur HAT, and so handsomely trimmed a COAT."—*The News of the World*, in paragraph entitled "Using an Old Fur Necklet."

"1,200 old BICYCLES wanted, for hiring out 1914, any condition; we soon transform them into MAGIC CARPETS for summer visitors, sympathetic holidays, fashionable."—Advertiser (580, Talbot Street), in *Evening Telegraph*, Limerick.

"The taking of SEVENTEEN wickets in an INNINGS is a record for test matches."—*Evening News.*

"Rowanbrae Cottage, Gairlochhead, belonging to Mr. Stewart Moir, was burned to the ground. . . . The Argyll fire brigade rendered VALUABLE ASSISTANCE, but the cottage was BURNED BEFORE THEY ARRIVED."—*Daily News and Leader.*

"When you are advertising, avoid WASTING MONEY BY TAKING PROFESSIONAL ADVICE."—Wells' Advertising Service, 1, Springfield Road, East Ham.

"The salary of Mr. G. Bryant, Borough Electrical Engineer, Yarmouth, is to be increased from £450 to £500 per annum by TWO INCREMENTS OF £50."—*Electrical Engineering.*

"Mr. John Collard would also HAVE BEEN PRESENT had he NOT BEEN AWAY."—*Music Trades' Review.*

"Annual SUMMER Sale commences on Thursday next, JANUARY 8th."—Messrs. Rossiter and Sons, 7, Palace Avenue, Paignton (advertising in the *Western Guardian*).

"The Life and Reign of Victoria the Good. Those who HAVE NOT SEEN this marvellous production DON'T FAIL TO SEE IT AGAIN."—Great Hampton (Birmingham) Picture Palace handbill.

"Every bonbon in this packet is equal to those on top, and contains LUGGAGE ONLY, ALSO Motto and Cracker.—Messrs. Barratt and Co.'s label.

"I cannot imagine a more real sportsman in football than Pennington, nor one LESS LIKELY to play a sporting game."—Mr. Robert Crompton, writing in *Express and Star.*

"Grotesque in their sharp contrast to the wealth of greenery, they were stained with a wash of VIVID PINK of RIDICULOUS LIGHT BLUE."—Mr. Louis Tracy, in "Princess Kate."

"Cherry Blossom boot or shoe paste gives an INSTANTANEOUS polish IN A FEW MINUTES."—Catalogue of Hall and Anderson's Stores, Calcutta.

"The Earl of Craven, the Chairman, said the magistrates must follow the example of one of the London magistrates who said that ANY MAN FOUND DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE should receive A MONTH'S IMPRISONMENT."—*Nottingham Evening News* report.

Half-a-crown is paid to the sender of every item published in this column. Should more than one competitor call attention to the same blunder, the amount will be forwarded to the sender of the first letter opened. In the case of newspaper cuttings sufficient must be forwarded to identify the name of the journal and date of issue. Envelopes to be marked "Printer's Pie" in the left-hand top corner.

A Fountain Pen is waiting for you. See coupon on page ii. of cover.

SINGLE WEEK CONTEST. SEND YOUR ENTRIES NOW.

ONE WEEK ONLY
No Waiting

£1,500 FOR ALL CORRECT

£500 IF ONE ERROR ONLY.

£150 FOR FIRST BEST FORECAST.

£50 FOR BEST MAUVE COUPON.

SINGLE WEEK CONTEST.

As the Second Round Cup Tie draw is not announced till after we go to press, we are running this week a ONE WEEK CONTEST. The Entrance Form appears on page 2 of the cover of this issue. Competitors can send in as many coupons as they like—but entries must be sent now—the contest CLOSES FRIDAY, JAN. 16th. Do not delay, then, in sending in your coupons else you may lose your golden chance of securing our £1,500. Next week's offer will be the Season's Surprise. Our Second Round of the Cup Tie Competition will put all previous Records in the shade.

ONE WEEK CONTEST.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Our Football Competition Department is now under the personal supervision of Mr. J. A. McWeeney, who for many years was the writer of "The Wisdom Shop" in the London "Football Star," and is further known to every follower of football as "McW." of the "Morning Leader" and "Daily Chronicle," and has been a noted football writer for various other leading publications. We feel sure this announcement will give widespread satisfaction to the thousands upon thousands of football followers who know Mr. McWeeney as a football expert.

CLOSES JANUARY 16th.

WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO

is to forecast the results of the League Games to be played on Saturday, January 17th, given on the entrance form on page 2 of our cover. Before making your forecasts read carefully the new method of marking the coupon explained below.

NEW WAY OF MARKING THE ENTRANCE FORM,

which we have adopted to further safeguard the interests of our competitors

On the left-hand side of the Entrance Form will be found 3 columns headed respectively, "**Home,**" "**Away,**" and "**Draw.**" When forecasting the results of the matches, if you predict the Home team will win—simply put in ink a **X** in the space provided in the Home column; if you predict the Away team to win—put a **X** in the Away column; if you forecast a "Draw," put a **X** in the Draw column. Thus there is no crossing out to do—just mark the coupon like a voting paper—with a **X**.

£1,500 FOR AN ALL-CORRECT COUPON.

The huge sum of £1,500 will be paid to the competitor sending us an entrance form containing correct forecasts of all the matches given which are played to a finish. If, owing to bad weather or other causes, a match is not completed, it will be disregarded. Thus, abandoned matches make no difference.

Should it happen that no Entrance Form be received giving the whole of the correct results, **£500** will be paid to the competitor whose coupon shows **one error only.** In the unlikely event of neither the **£1,500** nor the **£500** being won, we shall in any event pay the cash prize of **£150** to the sender of the most correct forecasts, whatever the number—even if only 8 or 10. In addition we shall pay a cash prize of **£50** for the most correct forecasts sent on a Mauve Coupon taken from MARY BULL. This is a distinct and additional prize—a Mauve Coupon signed by a lady, means the sender has the opportunity of winning not only the **£1,500**, or **£500**, or **£150**, but also **an extra £50.**

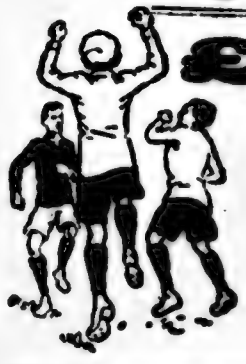
The competition is one of pure skill, and a test of knowledge of form. Competitors should make a point of studying the Football columns of the newspapers.

Our elaborate checking arrangements and our new method of marking the coupon safeguard the interests of our competitors in every way and render even an attempt at fraud impossible. The risk of a coupon being overlooked is totally eliminated.

The RULES and
COUPON
will be found
on
PAGE 2 of COVER.

YOU CAN SEND AS MANY COUPONS AS YOU LIKE.

Contest Closes Friday, Jan. 16th.



£50 FOR A "Mauve" COUPON.

For this one week contest we offer a Mauve Coupon Prize of **£50.** This is a special and extra cash prize which will be paid for the best forecast sent on a Mauve Coupon taken from MARY BULL and signed by a lady. Competitors using the Mauve Coupon have the opportunity not only of winning the £1,500 or the £500 or £150, but also an additional £50 prize. The Mauve Coupon appears in MARY BULL, on sale Friday next, January 9th. Don't delay! Send your entries at once—it is a one week contest, and closes Friday, January 16th.

After you have filled up your entries for this competition, turn to page 32, where you will find particulars of "Bullets," a simple and attractive Competition which you should not fail to enter. Great New Year Prize Offer this week. A first prize of £1,000 in cash, and 5,373 cash and other prizes value nearly £2,500 are to be won.

IMPORTANT OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION DEPT. IS NOW UNDER THE PERSONAL SUPERVISION OF— **"McW."** The Football Authority Late of the "Morning Leader," the "Star," and "Daily Chronicle."

"John Bull's" Letter Bag.

[The EDITOR replies to, and has a chat with, some of his numerous correspondents.]

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Will readers, when forwarding cuttings from newspapers, take care that in each case a sufficient portion is sent to identify the name of the paper and the date of issue?

CORRESPONDENTS, when writing regarding previous communications which they may have addressed to us, should always mention the nature of the matter therein referred to. Owing to the great increase in the number of INQUIRIES *received, consequent upon the continual growth in our circulation, it is no longer possible to answer them all in "Letter Bag," and* ONLY THOSE OF GENERAL INTEREST *will be noticed. The Editor will, of course, still be grateful for information, "B scuit" material, newspaper cuttings, etc.*

AUTHORS and ARTISTS *submitting MSS. and drawings for consideration must write name and address upon the back of their work. The Editor cannot accept any responsibility for the safe custody of MSS., etc., so forwarded, but will endeavour to return unaccepted work* WHEN STAMPED, ADDRESSED ENVELOPE IS ATTACHED TO THE MANUSCRIPT. ALL MATTER SUBMITTED MUST BE ORIGINAL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. *The most suitable lengths for articles and stories are about 750 words (one column), or 1,500 words (a page).*

The EDITOR *cannot express any opinion upon the value of postage stamps, old china, pictures, coins, books, etc.*

CORRESPONDENTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SEND ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES, TESTIMONIALS, ETC., *as, though every effort is made for their safe custody, they are liable to be mislaid. Copies only of such documents should be forwarded in the first instance.*

CORRESPONDENTS desiring INFORMATION *should place their questions in* CONCISE *form and refrain from sending* VOLUMINOUS DOCUMENTS, *at any rate until asked for them. The Editor is quite unable to devote the time necessary for perusing and considering the scores of letters which correspondents sometimes send.*

Each Financial and Insurance Inquiry must be accompanied by Postal Order for One Shilling, and must be addressed to the City Editor, 52, New Broad Street, E.C.

GENERAL.

"IRONOPOLIS" (Workington).—We shall be with you one of these days. Our plans are rapidly approaching completion.

G. E. R. (Southsea).—A slight delay by the Post Office would not disqualify your "Bullet" entry, but if received too late to be properly judged, it would be returned to you.

J. H. J. (Prestatyn).—We have heard nothing for some time about "Homefinders, Limited." Perhaps they have been busy finding homes for the poor during Christmas time.

H. A.—You want to know how you can "tell a story suitable for cinema film without the risk of having same returned as unfit, while the plot could be stolen by the people to whom it was submitted." If you can't tell you'll never know. You must have dreamed about the stamped addressed envelope; we haven't received it.

"ELECTRIC CAN" (Manchester).—We record, but do not adopt, your answer to our question, "Why on earth cannot every guard be placed in telephonic communication with his driver?"—namely, that we have "quite overlooked the fact that the noise and rattle of the train in motion would effectually prevent telephones being used; they could only be used with the train at a standstill." You advocate "a proper system of alarm bells, enabling signals to be sent from guard's van to engine and *vice versa*."

S. B. M. (Dunfermline).—Beware of the Waterman Advertising Co. It is your 3s. 6d. they want.

H. J. H. P. (Alton).—You should be the best judge as to whether it is worth your while to give 12 months' service at an Agricultural and Dairy College in exchange for 7s. weekly and tuition. Knowing nothing about you, and the same about the college, it would be absurd for us to advise.

"ODDFELLOW" (Hythe).—Why should we write an "Open Letter" to a member of your Lodge because he is receiving more assistance from the distress fund than you approve of? Don't try to hit a man from behind like that, but place your complaint in an open and straightforward way before the distress committee.

J. C. S. (Bournemouth) informs us that the annual licences to shoot big game in British Central Africa costs 700 rupees in the case of a sportsman, and 150 rupees in the case of a settler. That's a settler, so far as we're concerned. Shooting Ostend rabbits with a pop-gun must content us, as heretofore.

G. E. (Banbury) writes: "If your Business Government will be as good as your Fountain Pen, may it soon come; but may I ask where you are going to get 670 men who will come up to your ideal?" Why, from amongst the readers of JOHN BULL and the members of the League!

T. C. (Deepcut) wants to know whether Ireland is a "foreign country." Not yet.

M. J. A. (Gloucester).—We know nothing about the Crippled Boys' Home, "Bethany," Kinver, Staffs, so cannot advise you to subscribe or not.

W. McG. (St. Helens).—You were done down by mock auction rogues, that is all. Say good-bye to your £1, and be wiser in future.

"KEIGHLEYITE" asks us to "put a few lines in an early issue re "Capt." Walter Rand. We seem to have been doing that for months and months and months. What time does "Keighleyite" get up in the morning?

"STACKPOOL STEVENS" is excited. Says he: "You have an expert knowledge of the world, an extensive experience of the Flesh, but rather limited information regarding the Devil." Quite so. He concludes: "In a word, don't make a demd fool of yourself." We won't.

M. M. (Southend).—There is no need to add postage to any contribution towards our "Human Document" Fund, as we defray this and every other expense—the whole amount subscribed reaching the poor person for whom it is intended.

"PATER" (Spalding).—Successful competitors in our Football or "Bullets" competitions do not have to claim their prizes; they are at once notified of their success.

"READER" (Empire Theatre, Cardiff) complains that Rosslyn Stuart, carrying on a business as a moneylender at Brixton, is continually sending letters offering loans, in spite of repeated requests not to do so. Our correspondent wishes to know what can be done to stop him. As Stuart says he charges no fees, our correspondent had better try to borrow a bit.

"EVA" (Lower Tooting).—Your grievances at the laundry seem many, but, much to our regret, we could not interest our readers in them.

C. M. L. (Beeston).—Repeat your slot-machine queries. They appear to have miscarried. Our "Letter Bag" space is so limited that several of our correspondents must necessarily wait weeks for their answers here.

"NURSE BYRL" (Keighley).—We have no information about Ball and Co., "Emigration Specialists," 40, Surrey Street, Strand, London, but their advertisement for asylum attendants in Australia looks like that of an agency out for fees. Write, and judge them by their reply.

E. F. B. (Cheadle).—Neither time nor space to look up "the population of England for the last ten years," dear friend. Turn into the local free library and look it up for yourself.

"SILENCE IS GOLDEN" (Battersea).—"Things we should like to know: 'Where the member for Battersea is now the strikes are on?'" Peradventure, at a fire.

A. F. S. (Rock Ferry).—"T. Todd-Potts, Litt.D." is a professional begging letter-writer of the deepest die. He has been twice convicted.

"LABOUR."—"Were Labour Exchanges invented to provide the Government with voters?" No, they were invented to provide 'em with grumblers.

"UDHARAM" (Karachi, India).—Probably you are right in believing that if we had lived in days of yore we should "either have been dubbed a knight or fallen under the national chopper." You will be able to obtain JOHN BULL through one of the wholesale agents at Bombay or Calcutta, no doubt, or at a subscription of 8s. 8d. a year we can mail it regularly to you.

G. T. T. (Brockenhurst).—We do not recommend your son to have anything to do with the Anglo-American Trading Co., Barbican Court, London, E.C.

W. C., Jr. (W. Hartlepool).—It is the same name as that of a concern which does or did trade at 73, Cricketfield Road, London, N.E., and we do not recommend you to have anything to do with it. Write to the Secretary, Local Government Board, Whitehall.

R. B. D. (Sturmer).—Our advice is to have nothing whatever to do with the Central Advertising Agency, of Heanor. If you want sound tuition of the kind, apply to the principal of Clark's College, Chancery Lane.

W. D. (Huddersfield).—"Just a line to ask you," opens your four-page epistle to us, "if you are getting my 'Bullets'." Yes, dear friend, but you evidently haven't seen the target up to now. Aim more to the right or the left, and you may ring the bell.

M. R. (Sydney).—Certainly. If you or any of your friends would like us to see the *Sydney Bulletin* now and again, we will look at it with pleasure.

Mark your Football Coupons like a voting paper. Simply put a X.

LETTER BAG.—Continued

A. C. (London, N.).—Interested to learn that you had occasion to wire some money to one of your representatives near Oxford. He got the telegram, but the local Postmistress asked him, as she did not understand telegraphic money orders, whether he would call round next day. This delay put you to the expense of £2, for which you sent the account to the Postmaster-General, who pointed out that under regulation so-and-so he "was not responsible for the errors, etc., of his servants." What is more, he does not appear to be responsible even for his own.

D. M. P. (Gravesend).—Everybody can edit a newspaper and poke his neighbour's fire. Everybody can't mind his own business, however—you being one of them.

J. M. C. (Workington).—We have our opinion about Lourdes, and you, of course, may have yours.

Mrs. C. M. M. (Edinburgh).—When magistrates say cruelty was not proved, we should get into serious trouble if we asserted it was. We don't think the professional solutionists can help you; if they could, they would help themselves. As an intelligent woman, you should rely on your own unaided efforts.

J. D. (Jarrow-on-T.)—Don't have anything to do with the Carta Bureau, 28, Bury Street, Bradford, who offer to tell you how £2 a week can be easily earned by spare-time homework; if you do you will wish you had your money back.

M. R. C. S. (Dublin), and OTHERS.—If you *will* send original documents, despite our constant warning notice, you must take your chance of losing them or of their confiscation. Copies only of letters, documents, etc., should be forwarded. If we wish to see the originals, we will ask for them.

"SOL" (Aldhurst).—It is your own fault for being so foolish, but the Alhambra Warehouse Co., of Free Street, Bradford, are bound to return your deposit. You could issue a summons against them, and they would have to pay the costs.

C. F. M. (Kent).—You will probably have to obtain a recommendation, but write a letter to the manager of the bank in which you seek employment, enclosing stamped addressed envelope for reply, and he will probably tell you what you wish to know.

H. S. (Peckham).—Sorry to hear you are disappointed with our Editor. Cheer up, however. He is often disappointed with himself.

J. D. (Swansea).—Take your eyes to an occulist of repute, and leave the *pseudo* "specialist" to play with his own: *re* competitions you are eligible, certainly.

"ORLANDO" (Flint).—As requested, we will "excuse you bursting forth" about the "White Star Peril." Feel better now?

H. D. (Fareham) wants us to use our efforts to get a man discharged from an asylum. The object of his solicitude is a Salvationist. In the circumstances, we must respectfully decline. There are too many of that kind outside already.

"LAST POST" (Grimsby) tells us that he has just completed his four years as a Territorial, and given in his kit. To his astonishment, he received the following notification from the Commanding Officer: "On return of your equipment you were one coat strap deficient. Are you prepared to pay for this to save proceedings being taken?" Our correspondent thinks this rather rough, after giving four years' service. So do we.

"RAVER" (Rosyth Village) is a workman at the new Admiralty Base. He says that the authorities are not only cutting the pay down to next to nothing, but labourers are made to find tools and doctor, in addition to the Lloyd George deduction. Why does he stick to the job?

M. B. (Hockley) complains about being swindled by an auctioneer. She should sue him in the County Court.

"FLYAP" (Leytonstone).—On receiving your Insurance card you find in the top left-hand corner the expression "5th Quarter," and you wish to know by what process of geometrical calculation Mr. Lloyd George gets five quarters when nobody else has ever been able to get more than four. Well, some people think our eminent friend is a nut, but he is really an adder.

W. J. (near Bolton).—Dear, dear us! You have to give an address on whist drives, and you thought we could give you a little help by informing you when the game of whist drives was introduced and for what purpose. Your thought shall not disappoint you, friend. Whist drives were first invented by Adam, for the purpose of teaching the missus and the family how not to play whist.

"MOUSTACHELESS" (Wolverhampton).—All we can tell you about the Spa Chemical Co., who "advertise some material for forcing moustaches," is that John Bright said force is no remedy. You further ask us, "What is the best method of growing a moustache?" Take plenty of fresh air.

LEGAL.

E. A. (Monmouth).—Large banks do not usually treat their customers harshly, but we cannot tell the exact powers your bankers have without seeing a copy of the mortgage deed. If they attempt to treat you unjustly, send us full particulars.

B. P. (Frome).—Your husband has only himself to blame for the trouble. He agreed not to enter into a similar business, within a certain radius, for a certain period after leaving the firm's employ. On leaving, he immediately opened a similar business in close proximity, in your name. An injunction is obtained which he disregarded. The Court then warned him that, unless he obeyed the Order within a week, he would be committed to prison. He now complains that the firm is driving him into starvation. This is rubbish. If he could find the money to start in Frome he could find it to start elsewhere, and thus honourably abide by the terms of his contract.

N. B. (Silvertown).—Aliens do not receive such high benefits under the Insurance Act as British subjects, unless they were members of a Friendly Society before the Bill was introduced, and had been resident in the United Kingdom for five years or upwards. The wife of an insured alien is entitled to a proportion of the maternity benefit.

C. B. (Blackburn).—It was certainly hard luck that the child was born just too soon for the Maternity Benefit, but you will be all right next time. As your wife is herself an insured person, she is entitled to sickness benefit at the rate of 7s. 6d. a week for four weeks.

"PETROL" (Silverdale).—On the expiration of your notice, you must leave your master's house, and take all your belongings. If you do not, you could be forcibly removed.

J. S. (Balham).—In almost every case the surety has to pay. Remember this the next time a friend asks you to oblige. Better try and arrange with the moneylender to pay the amount by small instalments.

N.O N. (Lymington).—If the rules of your Court of A.O. Foresters have not been altered since the Insurance Act came into force, we should say that, as you do not come under the Act, you are entitled to the same medical attendance as you formerly received, without additional payment.

"ROB" (Streatham).—You ought not to have let the man take possession of the house until he had completed the purchase. We should not advise you to change your solicitor unless he is incompetent—"Never swap horses while crossing a stream."

"VERITAS."—It was very bad business on your part to buy stock you cannot sell. All travellers puff their wares. You are bound by the contract.

W. G. (Appledore).—The fact that a member of a ship's crew dies while on a voyage does not make the owners liable for compensation.

F. D. (Dublin).—Your questions are not sufficiently explicit. The owner (by which term we presume you mean the freeholder, and not a lease-holder) of a house has the right to pull it down. If a man voluntarily settled his property on his son, or any other person, to avoid paying his debts, the settlement would be set aside by the Court.

F. A. D. (Sunderland).—There is nothing illegal in a moneylender having a working arrangement with or introducing a client to, another money-lender. The last one to take the client on often loses a bit.

R. W. (Leicester).—In the absence of any arrangement to the contrary, a midwife can refuse to attend a case unless her full fee is paid in advance.

"LAY LAWYER" (Poole).—The fact of a person going to prison for not paying a debt does not cancel it, but he cannot be committed again for the same offence. But if the Court orders an amount to be paid by instalments and the debtor is committed to prison for not paying one of such instalments, he can be committed again for making default in a future one.

J. G. (Woking).—Having accepted the bicycle and used it, you would find it difficult to convince the Court that it was not of the kind or quality ordered.

"SQUARE" (Clapton).—Endeavour to institute the divorce proceedings before the proposed nigger-barrister co-respondent leaves the country. If he has already gone, you could obtain his address from the Inn to which he belongs. You could, no doubt, easily find a solicitor to act for you on reasonable terms.

J. E. F. (Royton).—You are a yearly tenant, and can terminate your tenancy by giving six months' notice, to expire on the same quarter day, or other date, as your tenancy commenced.

E. M. (Sheerness).—Rates are assessed according to the "rateable value," which is not always the same thing as the rent paid—being, happily, usually about a third less.

Are you a winner in Our No. 6 Football Contest? Turn to page 5 for result.

LETTER BAG.—Continued.

FINANCIAL.

A Postal Order for 1s. must accompany each Financial or Insurance Inquiry.

JOHN BULL BANK.—CIVIC.—The business of the Bank is steadily growing on sound and safe lines, and it is evident it is filling a much needed want. The rate of interest granted on Deposits is a fixed one of 5 per cent. per annum, and is not affected by the Bank Rate. In view of the probable cheapness of money at an early date, and the consequent reduction of the Bank Rate, this is an important consideration.

CONSOLIDATED OILFIELDS OF SOUTH AFRICA.—H. N. T. (Harrow).—W. C. C. O. (Saskatoon, Canada).—We regard these shares as constituting a sound speculative investment, and, in view of the latest cable information, the prospect of considerable appreciation in value is extremely bright.

FAIRBURN & Co. (Geneva).—J. W. C. (Chopwell, Co. Durham).—We are not in a position to recommend this firm or investment in the Lottery Bonds you mention.

ROUMANIAN OIL WELLS INVESTMENT Co.—H. N. T. (Harrow).—We have already expressed a favourable opinion of this undertaking.

LOST SHARE CERTIFICATES.—C. T. T. (Knightsbridge).—You should communicate with the Secretaries of the Companies you mention, who will doubtless issue duplicate scrip on your furnishing them with the usual form of indemnity and paying a small fee—generally 1s. per certificate.

HATTON, MORRIS AND Co.—J. E. (Haverfordwest).—If you communicate with Messrs. Hatton, Morris and Co., we have no doubt the matter could be arranged to your satisfaction.

NAKAMUN ASPHALT AND OIL COMPANY.—SEVERN.—In no circumstances touch these shares, which are being pushed by the Canadian Industrial Development Company. Put their circulars in the wastepaper basket.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER (B.C.) 4½ PER CENT.—BONDS.—There is not much risk of the interest falling into arrear, but Canada generally has been borrowing too cheaply, and prices of all similar securities are almost bound to go lower; indeed, a severe set-back is probable. You would be easier in your mind if you exchanged into some Home security. RIO DE JANEIRO TRAMS 1ST MORT. BONDS.—This is quite a safe investment although Brazil is passing through a rather trying time at present. SCOTTISH IRON AND STEEL PREFERENCE.—The outlook with falling trade does not seem very promising, but perhaps your best course is to wait a little and then average.

BARTHOLOMAY BREWING Co. (OF ROCHESTER).—N. F. B. (Coulsdon).—It is a thoroughly respectable concern now, but perhaps ought never to have been floated over here, at any rate, with such a heavy capital. The £10 Ord. shares are quoted about 27s. 6d., but the prospects of a dividend are remote, because there are heavy arrears of Preference interest to wipe out.

MOTOR PETROL ASSOCIATION AND PETROL USERS' AND TRADERS' SOCIETY.—R. M. SHELTON.—If you are a considerable user of petrol the investment you suggest (split) might be advisable—but not otherwise.

NATIONAL THEATRE DE LUXE.—D. K. (Peckham).—Unless these picture palaces are an immediate success their chances of earning dividends in the future may be regarded as nil. Their extreme popularity will not last indefinitely, perhaps not so long as some people anticipate. In this case no dividend has been paid after three years' working, and we should advise you to leave the shares alone.

INSURANCE.

CHILDREN'S POLICY.—T. B. (Cleobury Mortimer).—Short endowments are not easy to obtain. Consult the Gresham Life Assurance Society, St. Mildred's House, Poultry, London, E.C.; or the 5 per cent. transferable Deposit Notes of the John Bull Bank, Old Jewry, London, E.C., would probably meet the case you mention.

LONDON AND MANCHESTER INDUSTRIAL ASSURANCE.—READER.—You would not succeed in an action for the return of premiums paid in respect of the Assurance effected on the life of your wife, notwithstanding the omission to obtain her signature, or sanction to the issue of the policy. We are, of course, assuming that you are the beneficiary.

SALVATION ARMY ASSURANCE SOCIETY.—E. S. (Motherwell).—(1) If in respect of a policy taken over from another Company by this Society, six months' premiums are allowed to entitle to "immediate benefit," the Society would accept this liability and free the Policyholder from the payment of those premiums. Transfers from one Society to another are not allowed by the well-established Industrial Assurance offices. (2) An insured person may transfer from one Approved Society to another, provided he shall have ceased to become a member of the Society with their consent. This consent must not be unreasonably withheld.

LIVERPOOL VICTORIA LEGAL FRIENDLY SOCIETY.—E. W. (Harrow, W.).—The position in which you are placed owing to the Society's refusal to reinstate the policy is clearly unsatisfactory after a membership extending over fifteen years. Yours is a hard case and should be further persevered with, especially in view of your statement that the assured is a strong, healthy man, and always has been.

MANCHESTER SOUTH BURIAL SOCIETY.—H. J.—The Trustees are clearly empowered to act until removed, and until this is done new trustees cannot be elected. The number of trustees is fixed at three, and they continue in office during the pleasure of the Society. (See Rule 12, page 16).

CITY LIFE ASSURANCE.—R. P. (Abergavenny).—The Company bears a good name for treating its borrowers fairly, and the terms appear reasonable. You had better write them direct, and suggest that their representative should call and look into your case, with a view to your requirements being satisfied.

ANNUITY.—C. S. (Southsea).—As far as we are able to judge, the investments of the Canadian offices are carefully made and in any event are subject to Government supervison. For some time past a high rate of interest has been earned, and if it can be maintained all will be well. Our fear, however, is that there is some danger of over speculation owing to this unceasing demand which exists for money for Canadian enterprises. There is little to choose between the offices you mention.

ROYAL PROVINCIAL SOCIETY.—D. C. (Derby).—Your request that the correct name of the assured should be endorsed on the policy is reasonable and proper. Communicate direct with the head office on the subject. We have no information as regards the financial status of this society.

BENEFIT SOCIETY.—W. E. (Aberbeeg).—Having transferred into the Senior Section, your membership is now governed by the Rules in force applicable to that section.

THREE OFFICES.—ANNUITY.—We should select Office "B" on your list.

SPORTING.

Sporting inquiries must be addressed to the Sporting Editor, 52, New Broad Street, E.C.

PATRICK O'BRIEN'S GRAND NATIONAL SWEEP.—N. R. (St. Helens).—Perfectly genuine, the Guaranteed Prize Fund being £10,000, with £1,000 for Charities, a substantial portion of which we hope to secure for our "Human Document" Fund. For full particulars you must write direct to Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Lucerne, Switzerland.

WHITE FISHER & Co.—T. A. (Radcliffe).—We have made enquiries and understand that you have now been paid. D. D. (South Wales).—We are informed that the several Result Sheets have been sent you.—J. I. (Garstang).—We have investigated the matter and understand the firm's contention is that they never received any commission from you for November 8th, and that they cannot admit your claim. In view of certain recent proceedings, however, we prefer to suspend our opinion.

TURF POOL SYNDICATE.—J. W. C. (Chopwell, Co. Durham).—We understand that this Syndicate's next Sweep will be upon the Lincolnshire Handicap. The Editor has been invited to superintend the Draw, and you may take it that everything will be straightforward and above board.

E. DOBSON (Birstelden).—A. W. (Manchester).—We have had no complaints, although we prefer to recommend our readers to confine their business to those firms for whose integrity we can vouch, such as Smallman and Terry, Geneva, and Patrick O'Brien, Lucerne.

DOUGLAS AND SMITH (Geneva).—FLUTTER.—See reply to "A. W." (Manchester).

H. T. TERRY (Geneva).—J. B. (Lydney).—We have investigated the matter referred to in your letter, and have come to the conclusion that you have no claim against Mr. Terry, for whose *bona fides* we can vouch.

COLLINS' SYNDICATE.—CLOCKMAKER.—We do not recommend.

LESLIE MURRAY AND Co.—R. A. P. (Liverpool).—This firm has recently changed hands, and we have no special information as to its present standing.

"PEOPLE'S SPORT" (Arlesham).—J. J. M. (Stepney).—The ticket you send us is certainly a curiosity. As you point out, the ticket itself is numbered "Series A 100524," whereas the counterfoil attached bears the number "Series D 100524." But, then, we have warned our readers against these people for some months past, and your description of their Football Association Cup Sweepstake seems to us to be quite accurate.

HERBERT GORDON (Birsfelden).—LITHERLAND.—We have no special information, and in any case would advise you to confine your business to well-known firms such as Smallman and Terry, Geneva, and Patrick O'Brien, Lucerne.

BAKER, SHAW AND Co. (Glasgow).—LESLIE BANKS (Edinburgh).—G. A. M. (Inverness).—See reply to "Litherland."

5,373 "Bullets" Prizes this week value nearly £2,500.

CITY NOTES.

(For Financial and Insurance Replies, see Letter-Bag pages.)

The Stock Markets.

Why a change of calendar should so generally involve a change of sentiment is a psychological phenomenon which it is not easy to explain on any rational hypothesis. It is quite illogical and yet nearly everybody experiences the influence to a greater or less degree. The forces at work up to December 31st are not materially modified by the alteration of the date to January 1st; yet we all wish each other a Happy New Year and are prone to take a more hopeful view of everything in general and our own immediate concerns in particular. Anyhow it is an amiable weakness, and as regards the Stock Exchange there is at least a plausible explanation. At the turn of the year an enormous amount of money is released in the form of interest and dividends; the big banking and railway reports and dividends follow, and innumerable Industrial ventures also make up their accounts to the end of the year. It is true that the Money Market discounts these payments pretty heavily (this time to the extent of £25,000,000) and that the tax-collector will annex £30,000,000 or £40,000,000 before the end of March, but even so there are large amounts of new money available for re-investment in the first quarter of the year. In normal times this has quite an appreciable effect on gilt-edged and other first-class securities, but on the present occasion there are so many fresh candidates coming along to court the investor's favours that we cannot be sure past experience will be repeated. On the other hand, trade is undoubtedly contracting at an accelerated pace, and this will set free enormous amounts of capital which, sooner or later, will gravitate to the Stock Markets. Accordingly the "House" has opened the year in a mood of buoyant confidence, Home Rails and Rubbers being particularly prominent, while Oils and a few outside Mining groups have shown considerable strength. Foreign and Colonial stocks are (perhaps fortunately) going out of favour after the disappointments of the past year or two, and Yankees have been absolutely staggered by the Morgan resignations from the boards of some twenty huge concerns which that group controlled. It is far too early yet to diagnose exactly what this move portends or what is behind it, but that it may have very far-reaching effects goes without saying.

Bad Business.

"Your letter has been duly placed before my Board for consideration, and I am instructed to inform you that they will be pleased to ask their architect to ask you to quote, provided your name appears upon the list of applicants for the Preference shares." Thus the secretary of the Bath Grand Pump Room Hotel Company, Limited, in reply to a firm offering to do business with the Company. This is a highly improper and most objectionable method of trying to secure capital, and the instance in question is so flagrant that it deserves to be pilloried. Most firms have quite sufficient to do to finance their own businesses without having to find capital for their customers except by granting credit in the ordinary course of trade. From the Company's point of view also this kind of pressure is highly undesirable, because it practically ties its hands in the matter of supplies and eliminates the competition which is so essential in providing the requirements of a large establishment.

Canadian Life Offices.

Numerous enquiries have reached us as to the stability of the investments of Canadian Life Assurance Companies, owing presumably to the prominence they are giving to the higher yield on Annuities as compared with British offices. But we would point out that in an old country like England the rate of interest on permanent investments is much below that of Canada, which is, of course, a newer and less developed country. Our fear is that over speculation may bring the rate down in the not distant future; but so long as the Canadian companies exercise care to avoid too high an assumption of the earning capacities of money, confidence may be reposed in their ability to honour their obligations.

Zinc Corporation.

There are not many mining propositions we would care to recommend as a purchase at the present time, but the shares of the Zinc Corporation undoubtedly look attractive. The issued capital of the Company is £572,261 10s. divided into 245,692 preference shares of £1 each and 653,139 Ordinary shares of 10s. each. Since the Company in its present form was constituted in July, 1911, the dividends paid have amounted to about £400,000, and there is every reason to expect that still more gratifying results will be obtained for a long time to come. The accounts are made up annually to December 31st and submitted in June, and in respect of the past year 5s. 6d. per share has already been paid on the Preference shares, and 1s. 6d. on the Ordinary. For the year 1912 the gross revenue was £652,000 and the net profit was £283,780. As a sum of £105,000 has been set aside in the past year for amortisation and equipment, the divisible balance this time may not be so large; but if only the same dividends are paid as for 1912 there will be a balance of between £30,000 and £40,000 to carry forward. With regard to ore reserves, the Company has about 1,800,000 tons of tailings, the mineral contents of which are definitely known, and in the South Blocks property some 2,000,000 tons of ore have been opened up, giving excellent assays, and this mine promises to become one of the greatest in the Broken Hill district, although it stands in the books of the Company at only £50,000. In any case, a life of at least fifteen years is assured, and considering the handsome yield obtainable, and the fact that the enterprise is more of an industrial than a mining character the shares may be regarded as a safe investment.

How It's Done.

An instructive lesson to shareholders is given in the case of the Nigeria Investment Company, Limited. It was registered in February, 1906. The following December it promoted the British Colonial Petroleum Company, Limited, which acquired a licence from the Government of Nigeria to prospect and work an oil area in Southern Nigeria. £100,000 in fully-paid shares and £25,000 in cash were paid for the concession. The licence has now expired, and the Government has refused to renew it. As the shares in the company form the principal asset of the Nigeria Investment Company, the latter is to end its existence, and we presume that the British Colonial Petroleum offspring will follow suit. Neither company ever paid a dividend. They were housed in the same offices and shared the same telephone. They are now sharing the same fate, having succeeded in keeping their directors in fees and their officials in salaries for the proverbial seven lean years.

Pity the Poor Underwriters.

Underwriters were bit to the following extent, last month: Sierra Leone Ins. Stock, 91 per cent; Canada Four per Cent. Stock, 83 per cent.; Argentine Iron and Steel Six per Cent. Pref., 69 per cent.; and City of Prince Albert Debs., 66¼ per cent. On the other hand the issues of the Alby United Carbide Factories, Limited, Cammell Laird and Co, Limited, and Mappin and Webb, Limited, were over-subscribed, which tends to show that the investor prefers to put his money into sound Home industrials, instead of sending it abroad for the benefit of foreign governments and municipalities. And quite right too!

British Burmah Petroleum.

At one time the affairs of this Company seemed to have got into such a deplorable condition that any substantial recovery was regarded as almost impossible. But the report for the year ended July 31st last shows a remarkable improvement as compared with the results of the previous twelve months. The revenue rose from £6,700 to £108,700, with the result that a debit balance of £79,600 is converted into a small credit of £300 after writing off £49,000 against £20,000 for depreciation. Oil production rose from 138,600 to 326,000 barrels, while the amount of oil dealt with at the refinery rose from 17,800,000 to 27,845,000 gallons. It is a remarkably fine showing, mainly due no doubt to the drastic changes in management two years ago and to the working agreement with the Burmah Company. Anyhow we hope the improvement will continue and bring substantial benefits to the shareholders

Look out for next week's Great SECOND ROUND Cup Tie Contest.

Record New Year

£1,000 FIRST PRIZE

BIG INCREASE IN CASH PRIZES

This week we are making a special New Year Offer. FOR THIS WEEK ONLY, we are awarding the huge sum of £1,000 (one thousand pounds) for the Best Bullet received. In addition, we have increased the second

SECOND £100 PRIZE

3RD PRIZE £25

20 PRIZES OF £2.10.0 EACH.

1000 PRIZES OF 2/6 EACH

Bullets can only be constructed from any of these 40 examples:—

LASSES AND LADS
STRIKES SOME
BREAKING THE ICE
PUBLIC SUPPORT
THE WOMAN'S MOVEMENT
PRINCIPAL BOY
NEW YEAR'S OFFER
SHY TIMES
FINANCIALLY EMBARRASSED
PUSHING THE PRAM
LOOK PLEASANT
SEEKING THE DOLLARS
WON'T SHRINK
A CHILLY RECEPTION
RAW RECRUITS
TIPPING THE COPPER
A WEIGHTY SUBJECT
SPECIAL LICENSE
RUNNING INTO DEBT
COLD BATH
A NEST EGG
DANGEROUS GROUND
SEE FIRST PUDDING
STEPPING STONES
LOVE AFFAIRS
FROZEN OUT
A BIG AUDIENCE
ON FOOT
RESERVED
A POOR TEST
EAGERLY ANTICIPATED
FALSE PRETENCES
LEARNING TO FIGHT
FATHER'S ADVICE
A GOOD SKIPPER
RUN TO EARTH
BROKEN PLEDGES
A RISKY BUSINESS
BADLY HATCHED
MY LANDLADY

HOW TO MAKE BULLETS.

First choose any of our forty examples. Then give two words or three words having some bearing on the example chosen. The FIRST and LAST word selected MUST begin with ANY OF THE LETTERS in the example chosen. If three words are selected any word can be used as the middle word.

For instance, if you take the example "LOVE AFFAIRS," and take the letters "O" and "F," using the word "SOON" as the middle word, you can make the Bullet "FLAPPERS' SOON OVER." From the example "EAGERLY ANTICIPATED" the Bullet "PAY-DAY GENERALLY" can be formed. Again, if you choose the example "A CHILLY RECEPTION," using the letter "T" as initial for both the first and last word, you can form the Bullet "TOWZER FROM TRAMP."

Competitors may send in two BULLETS on one coupon for sixpence. But if both coupons are used a postal order for one shilling must be sent.

The ink will not run if the coupon is slightly warmed before being used.

Competitors can see the "Bullets" Judges at work at any time.

Closing date, Wednesday, January 14th.

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

(67) P.O. No. _____

I agree to enter this competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 31.

Signed _____

Address _____

A Sixpenny P.O. Must Accompany this Coupon.

Not more than three words may be used to construct a Bullet.

This week's Bullets Coupons will also be found in "MARY BULL," dated January 17th.

Closing date, Wednesday, January 14th.

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

(67) P.O. No. _____

I agree to enter this competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 31.

Signed _____

Address _____

A Sixpenny P.O. Must Accompany this Coupon.

If Both Coupons Are Used a Postal Order for 1/- Must Be Sent.

ENVELOPES SHOULD BE MARKED "BULLETS NO. 67." "JOHN BULL," LONG ACRE, LONDON, W.C.

Write "COMPETITION" on top left hand corner of Envelope.

The Result of this Competition will appear in our issue dated January 31st.
For Rules, etc., see opposite page.

"Bullets" Offer!

FOR THIS WEEK ONLY!

One Thousand Pounds!

2nd PRIZE £100 - 100 PRIZES £1 EACH

prize to £100 (one hundred pounds), and further offering a large number of additional cash prizes, including 100 of £1 each. Start the New Year well by trying "Bullets" NOW, and winning one of the 5,373 prizes offered this week.

100 PRIZES OF £1 EACH

250 PRIZES OF 5/- EACH

5373 PRIZES VALUE NEARLY £2500

4,000 OTHER HANDSOME PRIZES

RESULT OF 64TH BULLETS COMPETITION.

FIRST PRIZE OF £500:—

Mr. H. DIXON,
9, Wordsworth Parade,
Green Lanes, Harringay, London, N.

Example.—INFLAMMATORY SPEECHES.
Bullet.—SET "DUKES" MOVING.

SECOND PRIZE OF £50:—

Mr. GEO. E. SHEAHAN,
16, Lindon Square Lancaster.

Example.—SLOW COACHES.
Bullet.—CHAUFFEURS—IN COURT.

THIRD PRIZE OF £25:—

Mrs. A. E. LEECH,
245, St. Albans Road, Watford.

Example.—WITHOUT CAPITAL.
Bullet.—AMBITION'S GREASY POLE.

20 Prizewinners of £2 10s each.

Mr. GEORGE PORT, Swan Hotel, Upton-on-Severn:
MERRY CHRISTMAS—ACCOUNTS FOR ALL.

Mr. E. ARTHUR, 14, Boscawen Street, Deptford, S.E.:
A SOFT THING—OFTEN "ON TOAST."

Mr. E. R. BETTS, 59, Mark Lane, London, E.C.:
FILLING THE STOCKING—GOLD MORNINGS—SMARTLY.

Mr. A. LEE, 12, Chilworth Street, Rusholme, Manchester:
ROTTEN LUCK—UNRIVALLED FURNITURE REMOVER.

Mr. R. GORST, 26, North Road, Lancaster:
WITHOUT CAPITAL—WILL THE CONQUEROR.

Mr. LOUIS LOVE, 60, Vincent Road, Thorpe, Norwich, Norfolk:
SERVED HOT—OUR DAILY BREAD.

Mr. W. DUNSTONE, 3, Lylecroft Road, Norbury, S.W.:
WITHOUT CAPITAL—COMPULSORY "EARLY CLOSING."

Mr. TIMOTHY JONES, 7, Edward Street, Mardy, Glam.:
UNADORNED—DRUNKARD'S HOME USUALLY.

Mr. GERALD LAMPORT, 8, Buenos Ayres, Margate, Kent:
MERRY CHRISTMAS—ALL SWELL.

Mr. E. CASHMORE, 84, Derby Road, Loughborough:
HOME COMFORTS—SO DOES CASH.

Mr. A. J. ABRAHAM, Electricity Works, Aberdare, Glam.
A FAST GAME—THE PAUPER'S FUNERAL.

Mr. J. H. HEMINGWAY, 179, Sandford Road, Bradford, Yorks.:
A PANTOMIME REHEARSAL—THE BOAT EXAMINATION.

Mr. G. S. HOLDEN, 12, Brewer Street Woolwich:
A POOR SHOW—PLAYWRIGHT'S PLAY WRONG.

Mr. M. GROGAN, 24, Brierley Hill Road, Wordsley, near Stourbridge:
NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY—SUFFRAGETTES' SUFFRAGE YET.

Mr. F. F. COX, 9, Haldon View, Exmouth:
WINKED AT—WHEN VEILED—AUNTIE.

Mr. A. J. JAGO, Parkwood Road, Tavistock, Devon.:
NEARING THE END—RECITER—THANK HEAVEN!

Mr. F. BRACKLEY, 20, Deerings Road, Reigate, Surrey:
STRIKERS—SANGUINE, THEN SANGUINARY

Mr. H. T. HIGGINSON, 5, Maxwell Road Rathgar, Dublin:
A POOR SHOW—A SHOW "OFF."

Mr. F. C. ROBERTS, 76, Ling Street, Holt Road, Liverpool:
NEARING THE END—ADJUDICATORS AWARDING HALF-CROWNS.

Mr. G. M. COOK, 12, Wellington Place, Hastings:
HOME COMFORTS — FEW WHEN "MANY."

Selection from 50 £1 Prize Winners

Anderson, Miss G. M., West View, Potters Bar, Middlesex.
Beresford, G., 59, Lily Hill-st., Whitefield, nr. Manchester.
Bradley, L., 21, Carlisle-ter., The Hoe, Plymouth.
Brassington, F., 24, Melgund-rd., Highbury, N.
Bruce, T. A., 72, Westbourne-grove, Hessle, nr. Hull.
Bullets Competitor, Australian Troop of Boy Scouts, Cr. Overhill-rd., Lordship-lane, Dulwich.
Carrington, H., 11, Lytherton-av., Cad'sh-ead, nr. Manchester.
Clark E. P., London Joint Stock Bank, Cheshunt.
Clarke, A., 11, Earldom-st., Sheffield

"BULLETS" RULES, which must be strictly adhered to.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the Editor and his special staff of adjudicators, is the best Bullet received, and the other prizes in order of merit. In deciding prizes, originality and aptness will be taken into account. The right to divide a prize or prizes among two or more competitors is reserved.

2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons on page 32, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.

3. Both coupons may be used, but each coupon must be accompanied by postal order for 6d. made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed ——. Competitors must write their names and addresses, and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of [illegible] must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Competitors sending more than one coupon may enclose one postal order for the full amount covering the number of their coupons. Stamps will not be accepted.

4. Coupons must not be defaced in any manner, or have portions of another coupon pasted upon them.

5. Entries must reach us not later than the first post on the morning of Wednesday, January 14th.

6. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

7. The Editor's decision on any matter in dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

No element of chance enters into the adjudication of our "Bullets" Competition. Every coupon is judged by TWO DIFFERENT Members of our special staff of Adjudicators, who have been elected by reason of their high qualification for this work. This staff put aside all coupons which they consider sufficiently meritorious to qualify for a prize. So that, before any coupon is rejected, TWO DIFFERENT Judges have to decide that it is not of sufficient merit to receive a prize. Then, all coupons selected are considered by the Competition Editor in consultation with the Judges. In this manner the coupons are reduced in number to correspond with the total number of prizes to be awarded. The Competition Editor, again in consultation with the Judges, next selects all the lines of outstanding merit. These are placed before the Editor, who, after consultation, decides finally the order of merit. This system of judging keeps a large staff of Adjudicators continually occupied the whole of the week—so thoroughly is the work done. We would point out that, by this system of judging, no award is decided arbitrarily by one mind. It is only after a line has been considered sufficiently meritorious by a BODY OF JUDGES IN CONSULTATION, all of whom are specially qualified for the work, that it can receive a cash or any other prize. As regards the principal prizes, the coupons containing lines of merit are considered many times by the Editor, and also by the Competition Editor and the adjudication staff in consultation, before the final awards are made. In a sentence, ALL coupons are read and considered, and re-read and re-considered by a specially selected staff of highly-qualified Adjudicators, under the general supervision of an experienced Competition Expert—and in consultation with the Editor. That is why "Bullets" constitute a genuine skill contest, free from any and every element of arbitrary decision or of chance selection.

Complete List of all cash and other Prize-winners in the above Competition can be seen at the "John Bull" Offices.

Racing Notes.

Prophetic.

The frost seems to have deserted us—temporarily at least—and there should be no ·ar or (atwick.

To-day(Wednesday) at Gatwick the best thing seems

NIGHTCAP

for the Maiden Hurdle. CORTIGAN'S PRIDE is bound to win a race directly—perhaps the Grange Steeplechase.

At Haydock Park, whichever of his pair, probably GROWLER, F. Hunt sends ought to win the Warrington Hurdle.

MASINDI

has so far proved a disappointment at this game, but should now make amends in the Ashton Maiden Hurdle. On Saturday the best thing of the week occurs in

NOAH'S

for the January Steeplechase. POSIDONIUS looks like taking the Maiden Four-year-old Hurdle and the Earlstown Hurdle should go to another of F. Hunt's in SCARLET BUTTON.

THE JOHN BULL FOOTBALL CUP SWEEPSTAKE.

THE DRAW—INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS—A MAMMOTH DERBY SWEEP.

The Draw for Messrs. Smallman and Terry's John Bull Football Cup Sweep duly took place at Geneva on Friday of last week, under the personal supervision of the Editor of JOHN BULL, and in the presence of a large number of spectators. The Editor was assisted by a Committee, consisting of Mr. and Mrs J. A. Wilson, of 25, Station Road, New Seaham—Mrs. Wilson being the winner of the First Prize, of £2,000, in Smallman and Terry's St. Leger Sweep; Mr. Henry Jones, of 55, Leyland Street, Harpurhey, Manchester—winner of the Second Prize, of £1,000, in the St. Leger Sweep; and Mrs and Miss Priddle, of 41, Wordsworth Road, Small Heath, Birmingham—the wife and daughter of the winner of the St. Leger Third Prize, of £5··. The Prizes, on this occasion, amounted to £15,4··, whilst it was a stipulation of the Editor that the sum of £1,5·· should also be given for distribution amongst English Charities. At the commencement of the proceedings, he explained to those present the method it was proposed to adopt in connection with the Draw, and invited suggestions for its improvement, and in the end, it was resolved "that the system proposed was in all respects fair to subscribers." At the close of the Draw, all present expressed themselves satisfied with the manner in which it had been carried out, whilst the Committee signed the following Certi cate :—

> We certify that we were present at the Draw for Messrs. Smallman and Terry's John Bull Football Cup Sweepstake, and that the same was carried out, under the supervision of the Editor of JOHN BULL, upon lines approved by us, and that, in our opinion, everything was straightforward and above board. Neither Mr. Smallman, nor Mr. Terry, nor any member of their staff took any part in the Draw.

The Draw then proceeded in the presence of the Committee, and the complete result appears on pages 35, 36 and page iii. of cover of this issue.

At the close of the proceedings, Messrs. Smallman and Terry announced that they had made arrangements for a mammoth John Bull Derby Sweep, with Prizes amounting to £50,000 (including £5,000 for English Charities), *and that they had lodged the full amount of the Prize Money in a leading London Joint Stock Bank*, as evidence of their financial stability. The announcement created considerable interest and excitement, and a brisk demand for tickets at once sprang up.

The Editor stated that he was about to proceed to Lucerne to supervise the arrangements in connection with Mr. Patrick O'Brien's Grand National Sweep, and to see that the full amount of the Prize Money was duly assured. He warned those present against subscribing to any Sweep where this condition was not complied with, and added that it was the intention of JOHN BULL to keep a sharp eye upon any attempt by foreign firms to foist Sweepstake frauds upon the British public. The journal had already been instrumental in clearing out most of the swindling gangs which previously infested the Continent, and he expressed the hope that the example of the high-class firms now engaged in the promotion of these sporting Sweeps would ultimately lead the Home Government to see the wisdom of utilising the large postal and other revenue which at present went abroad.

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Football Selections from the Principal Papers.

Matches to be played Saturday, 10th January, 1914.

In view of the enormous interest now taken in the competitions conducted by numerous papers, the following table of selections compiled from the principal football authorities will be found to be an extremely useful guide—

FIRST ROUND ENGLISH CUP TIES.

Matches played on ground of first-named team.	Last Saturday's result.	Oracle.	J. B. Umpire.	Sun of the World.	Weekly Dispatch.	Competitors' Journal.	Sunday Chronicle.	Sporting Chronicle.	Lating Weekly.
Newcastle U. v. Sheffield U. ..	—	Away	Draw	Home	Draw	Draw	Home	Home	Home
Blackburn R. v. Sheffield W. ..	—	··	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
Clapton O. v. Notts Forest ..	—	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Home	Home	Draw
Hull City v. Bury	—	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Draw
Crystal Palace v. Norwich City	—	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
Portsmouth v. Exeter City ..	—	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Draw
Manchester U. v. Fulham ..	—	Draw	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Home	Home	Home
Leicester F. v. Tottenham H. ..	—	Home	Away	Away	Away	Away	Away	Away	Away
Liverpool v. Barnsley	—	Draw	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
West Bromwich A. v. Grimsby T.	—	Draw	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
Bradford City v. Woolwich A...	—	Home	Draw	Draw	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
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Sheffield W. v. Notts County ..	—	Home	Home	Home	Home	Away	Home	Home	Home
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JOHN BULL FOOTBALL CUP SWEEPSTAKE.

RESULT OF DRAW.

As will be gathered from our sporting page, the Draw for this important Sweepstake took place on Friday, January 2nd, under the supervision of the Editor of this journal. The following is the full result.

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B [illegible] *Leeds City*—Wm. Cromley, 27, Wyvern Place, Albert Road, Halifax.
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C [illegible] *West Ham*—Jas. T. Sunderland, Clifford House, Nelson.
C [illegible] *Sheffield U.*—David Brown, Barnc, Berealston, Devon.
C [illegible] *Swindon*—Robt. Cuthbertson, 29, Edgar st., Dunfermline, Fife.
D [illegible] *Barnsley*—W. Janny, 10 Mess, H.M.S. "Niobe," Halifax, Canada.
D [illegible] *Gillingham*—John Evans, 13, Taff St., Geili, Ystrad, Rhondda.
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F [illegible] *Newcastle U.*—W. G. Turner, Rotton Park St., Icknield Port Road, Birmingham.
F [illegible] *Queen's Park R.*—Albert Morton, 134, Queen's Rd., Sheffield.
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H [illegible] *Gleasop*—J. G. Morris, Mill Neck, New York, U.S.A.
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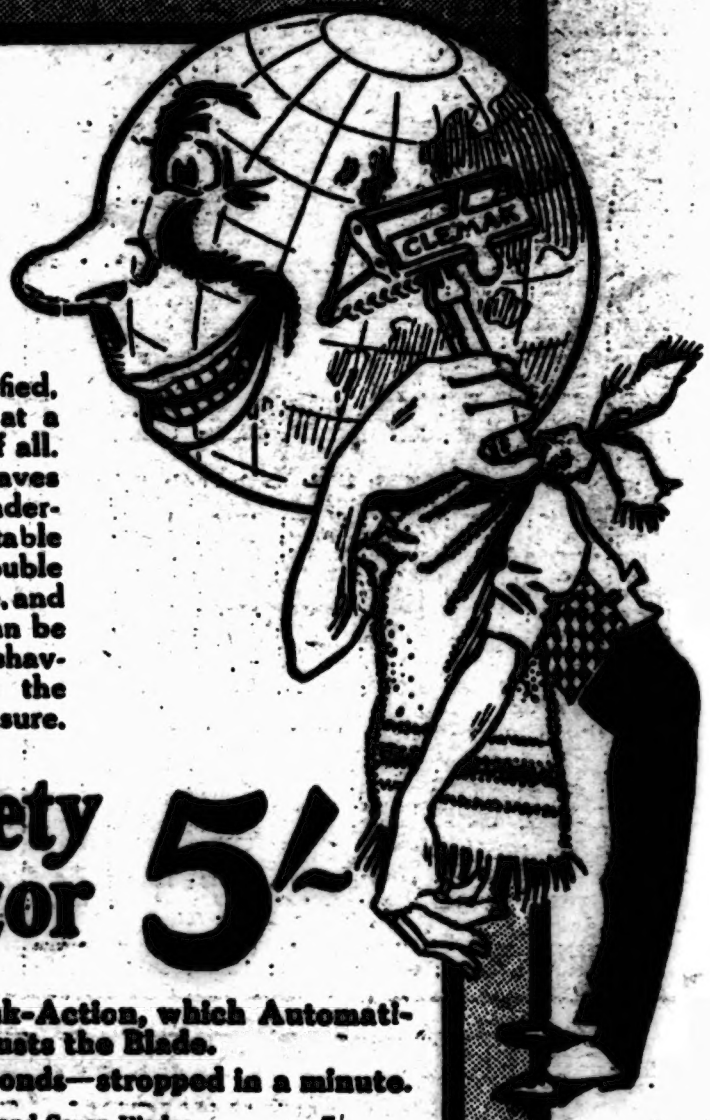

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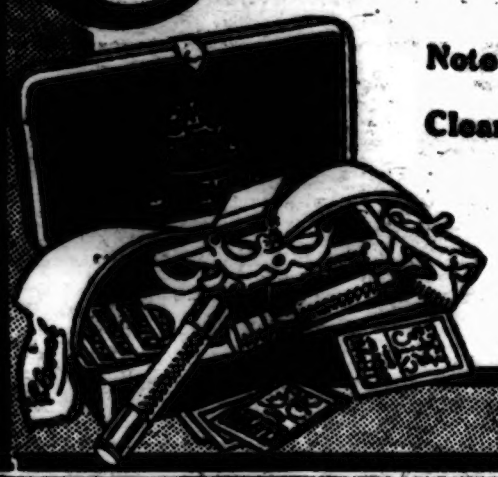

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